



ANNO QVINTO  
ET SEXTO EDVARDI  
SEXTI.

# ACTES

made in the Session of this  
present parliament, holden vpo prozo-  
gacion at Westminster, the .xxiii. daie  
of Januarie, in the fiveth yere of the  
reigne of our moste drad souereigne  
Lorde, Edward the. VI. by the grace  
of God, kyng of Englande, Fraunce,  
and Irelande, defendour of the faith,  
and of the Church of Englande and  
Irelande, in pearth the supzeme hed:  
and there continued and kept to  
the .xv. daie of Aprill, in the  
vi yere of the reigne of  
our saied souerei-  
gne lorde, as  
foloweth





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The first Chapter.

**An acte, for the vniformitie of  
common Praier, and administra-  
cion of the Sacramentes,**



Here, there hath been a verie Godly  
order sette furthe, by aucthoritie of  
parlament, for common praier, and  
administracion of the Sacramen-  
tes, to be vsed in the mother tongue,  
within this Churche of Englande,  
agreable to the woorde of God, and  
the Primatiue Churche, very com-  
fortable to al good people, desirynge  
to liue in christen conuersacion, and  
moste profitable to the state of this  
realme, vpon the whiche, the mercie,  
fauour, and blessing of almightie

God, is in no wise so redily, and plenteously powred, as by common  
praier, due vsyng of the Sacramentes, and often preaching of the  
Gospell, with the deuotion of the hearers: And yet this notwithstanding,  
a greate number of people, in diuerse partes of this realme, folow-  
yng their awne sensualitie, and liuyng either without knowlege, or  
due feare of God, do wilfully and dampnably, before almightie God,  
absteine, and refuse, to come to their Parische Churches, and other pla-  
ces, where common praier, administracion of the Sacramentes, and  
preachyng of the woorde of God is vsed, vpon the Sondaies, and other  
daies, ordeined to be holy daies.

For reformation hereof, bee it enacted by the Kyng our soueraigne  
lorde, with the assent of the lordes and commons, in this present Par-  
lament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that from, and af-  
ter the feast of all Sainctes next comynge, all and euery person, and  
persones, enhabityng within this realme, or any other the kynges ma-  
iesties dominions, shall diligently, and faithfully, hauyng no lawfull  
or reasonable excuse to be absent, endeuour themselves to resort to their  
Parische Churche, or Chapell accustomed, or vpon reasonable let ther-  
of, to some vsuall place, where commo praier, and suche seruike of God  
shalbe vsed, in suche tyme of let, vpon euery Sondaie, and other daies  
ordeined and bled to bee kepte, as holy daies, and then, and there to a-  
bide, orderly and soberly, durynge the tyme of the common praier, prea-  
chynges, or other seruike of God, there to be vsed and ministred, vpon  
pain of punishment, by the Censures of the Churche.

And for the due execution hereof, the kynges moste excellent mai-  
estie,

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the,



iestie, the lordes temporall, & al the commons in this present Parliament assembled, doeth in Goddes name, earnestly requyre, and charge, all the Archebischoppes, Bischoppes, and other Ordenaries, that thei shall endeavour themselves to the vttermoste of their knowleges, that the due and true execucion hereof maie be had, throughout their diocesses and charges, as thei will answere befoze God, for suche evils and plagues wherewith almightie God, maie iustly punishe his people, for negle-tyng this good and wholesome lawe.

And for their aucthoritie in this behalfe, be it further likewise enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that all, and singuler, thesame Archbischoppes, Bischoppes, and all other their officers, exercisynge Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, aswell in place exempt, as not exempte, within their Diocesses, shall haue full power & aucthoritie, by this acte, to refozme, correct, and punishe, by Censures of the Church, all and singuler persones, whiche shall offend, within any their iurisdiccions, or Diocesses, after thesaid feast of al Sainctes next commynge, against this acte and statute, any other lawe, statute, pzeuilege, libertie, or pzoouision, heretofore made, had, or suffered, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And because there hath arisen in the vse and exercise of the foresaid common seruike in the church, heretofore set furth, diuerse doubtres for the fashion and maner of the ministracion of thesame, rather by the curiositie of the minister, and mistakers, then of any other worthy cause: therfore, aswell for the moze plain and manifest explanacion hereof, as for the moze perfeccion of thesaid order of comon seruike, in some places, where it is necessary to make thesame pzaier and fashion of Seruice, moze earnest and fitte, to stirre christian people to the true honouring of almightie God: the Kynges moste excellent Maiestie, with the assent of the lordes and commons, in this present parliament assembled and by thaucthoritie of thesame, hath caused the foresaid order of comon seruike, entituled the Boke of common praier, to be faithfully and Godly perused, explaned and made fully perfecte, and by the foresaid aucthoritie, hath annexed and ioyned it, so explaned and perfected, to this present statute, addyng also a fourme and maner, of makynge and consecratyng of Archebischoppes, Bischoppes, Priestes, and Deacons, to bee of like force, aucthoritie, and value, as thesame like foresaid boke entituled, the Boke of comon praier was befoze, and to bee accepted, receiued, bled, and esteemed, in like sort and maner, and with the same clauses of pzoouisions and excepcions, to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, as by the acte of parliament, made in the second yere of the Kynges Maiesties reigne, was ordeined, limited, expzessed, and appoynted, for the vniformitie of seruike, and administracion of the Sacramentes, throughout the realme, vpon suche severall paines, as in thesaid acte of Parliament is expzessed. And thesaid former acte, to stand in full force, and strength, to all ententes, and constructions, and



to be applied, practised, and put in vze, to, and for the stablishyng of the booke of common praier, now explained, and hereunto annexed, and also the said fourme of makynge of Archebischoppes, Bischoppes, Priestes, and Deacons, hereunto annexed, as it was for the former booke.

And by the auctoritie aforesaid, it is now further enacted, that if any maner of persone, or persones, inhabityng and beyng, within this realme, or any other the kynges maiesties dominions, shall after the said feast of al Sainctes, willyngly, and wittyngly, heare, and be present at any other maner, or forme, of common praier, of administration of the Sacramentes, of makynge of ministers in the churches, or of any other rites, contained in the booke, annexed to this acte, then is mencioned, and set furthe in the said booke, or that is contrary to the fourme of sondrie prouisions, and exceptions, contained in the foresaid former statute, and shall be thereof conuicted, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, before the Iustices of Assise, Iustices of Oyer and Determiner, Iustices of Peace in their Sessions, or any of them, by the verdict of twelue men, or by his, or their awne confession, or otherwise, shall for the first offence suffer imprisonment, for sixe monethes, without baile, or mainprise, and for the second offence, beyng likewise conuicted, as is abovesaid, imprisonment for one whole yere, and for the third offence, in like maner imprisonmet, durynge his or their lifes. And for the moze knowledge to be geuen hereof, and better obseruacion of this lawe: be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all, and singuler Curates, shall vpon one Sondaye euery quarter of the yere, durynge one whole yere, next folowynge the foresaid feast of all Sainctes, next comynge, rede this present acte in the Church, at the tyme of the moste assembly, and likewise once in euery yere folowynge, at the same tyme, declatynge vnto the people, by the auctoritie of the scripture, how the mercy and goodness of God, hath in all ages been shewed to his people, in their necessities, and extremities, by meanes of hartie and faithfull praiers, made to almighty God, especially where people bee gathered together, with one faith and mynd, to offer vp their hartes by praier, as the best Sacrifices that christian men can yeld.

**¶ The. ii. Chapter.**

**¶ An acte, for the prouision and relief of the poore.**



**T**o the entent, that valiaunt beggers, idle, and loytryng persones, maye be auoyded, and the impotent feble, and lame, prouided for, which are poore in very deede: Be it enacted by the Kyng our soueraigne Lorde, with the assent of the Lordes, Spirituall and Tempozall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that aswel the statute, made in the. xxiij. yere of the late Kyng, of famous memorie, Kyng Henry the eight, as also the

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statute,



statute, made in the third, and fourth yere of the reigne of the kynges maiestie that now is, concernyng beggers, vagabondes, and idle persones, and euery article, clause, braunche, sentence, and other thynges, contened in theim, and in euery of theim (other then suche thynges, as shalbe by this present acte ordeined, and prouided for) shall stande, remain, and be in their full force, and effect, and shalbe from hencefurthe iustly, and truely, put in execucion, accordyng to the true meanyng of thesaied seuerall statutes, and euery of them.

And further, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that perely, one holy daie in Whithson weke, in euery citee, bozough, and toun corporate, the Maior, Bailifes, or other hed officers, for the tyme beeyng: and in euery other Parishe of the countrey, the Person, Vicar, or Curate, and the Churchwardenes (haupng in a register, or boke, as well all the names of thenhabitantes, and householders, as also the names, of al suche impotent, aged, and neddy persones, as beyng within their citee Bozough, toun corporate, or Parishe, are not able to liue of themselves, nor with their awne laboz,) shall openly in the Church, and quietly, after diuine seruice, call thesaid householders, and enhabitauntes together. Among whom, the Maior, and to of his brethren, in euery citee, the Bailifes, or other hed officers, in Bozoughes, and tounes Corporate, the Person, Vicar, or Curate, and Churchwardens, in euery other Parishe: shall electe, nominate, and appoynt perely, two able persones, or mo, to be gatherers, and collectours of the charitable almose of all the residue of the people, for the relief of the pooze. Whiche Collectours, the Sondae next after their election, (or the Sondae folowpng, if nede requite) when the people is at the church, and hath heard Gods holy worde, shall gently aske, and demaunde of euery man, and woman, what thei of their charitte, wilbe contented to geue wekely, toward the relief of the pooze. And thesame to be witten, in thesaid register, or boke. And thesaid gatherers, so beyng elected, and chosen, shall iustly gather, and truely distribute thesame charitable almose wekely (by themselves, or their assignes) to thesaid pooze, & impotent persones of thesaied citees, bozoughes, tounes corporate, or Parishes without fraude, or couin, fauour, or affeccio. And after suche sort, that the moze impotent, maie haue the moze helpe: and suche, as can get part of their liuyng, to haue the lesse. And by the discrecion of the collectours, to be put in suche labour, as thei be fitte, and able to dooe, but none to go, or sitte openly a beggyn, vpon pain limited in the aforesaid statutes.

Be it also enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no person, or persones, so elected, nominated, and appoynted to be gatherer, or gatherers, as is aforesaid, shall refuse thesaied office, but shall iustly, and truely execute thesame, by the space of one whole yere next ensuyng, vpon pain of forfeityng. xx. s. to the almose boxe of the pooze, to be leued by the churchwardens, where thei, or he dwelleth, of the goodes of the saied



definite number of daies prescribed in holy scripture, but that the ap-  
 poyntement, bothe of the tyme, and also of the number of the daies, is  
 left by the aucthoritie of Gods worde, to the libertie of Chyristes chur-  
 che, to be determined and assigned, orderly in euery countrey, by the di-  
 scretion of the rulers, and ministers thereof, as thei shall iudge moste  
 expedient to the true setting furthe of Gods glozy, and the edification  
 of their people. Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our soueraine lord  
 with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons  
 in this present Parliament assembled, and by thaucthoritie of thesame,  
 that all the daies hereafter mencioned, shalbe kept, and commaunded,  
 to be kept holy daies, and none other. That is to saie, all Sondays in  
 the yere, the daies of the feastes of the Circumcision, of our Lorde Je-  
 sus Chyist. Of the Epiphanie. Of the Purification of the blessed Vir-  
 gin. Of saint Mathie the Apostle. Of the Annunciacion of the blessed  
 virgin. Of saint Marke the Euangelist. Of saint Philip and Iacob  
 the Apostles. Of the Ascencion of our lorde Iesus Chyist. Of the Na-  
 tiuitie of saint Ihon Baptist. Of saint Peter the Apostle. Of saint  
 James the Apostle. Of sainte Bartholomewe the Apostle. Of sainte  
 Mathewe the Apostle. Of saint Michaele the Archangell. Of saint  
 Luke the Euangelist. Of saint Simon and Jude the Apostles. Of al  
 Sainctes. Of saint Andzewe the Apostle. Of saint Thomas the A-  
 postle. Of the Natiuitie of our lorde. Of saint Stephen the Martire  
 Of sainte Ihon the Euangelist. Of the holy Innocentes. Monedaie  
 and Twesdaie in Easter weke And Monedaie & Twesdaie in White-  
 son weke. And that none other daie shalbee kepte and commaunded to  
 be kept holy daie, or to absteyn from lawfull bodily labour.

And it is also enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that euery euen  
 or daie, next goyng before any of the aforesaid daies, of the feastes of  
 the Natiuitie of our lorde, of Easter, of the Ascencion of our lorde, Pe-  
 tecost, of the Purification, and the Annunciacion, of the aforesaid bles-  
 sed virgin, of all Sainctes, and of all of thesaid feastes of the Apostles  
 (other then of saint Ihon the Euangelist, and Philip and Iacob) shal-  
 be fasted, and commaunded so to be kept, and obserued, and that none  
 other euen, or daie, shalbe commaunded to be fasted.

And it is enacted, by the aucthoritie aboue saied, that it shalbe law-  
 full to all Archebischoppes, and Bischoppes, in their Diocesses, and to  
 all other haupng Ecclesiasticall, or Spirituall iurisdiction, to enquire  
 of euery persone that shal offende in the premisses, and to punishe eue-  
 ry suche offendor, by the Censures of the Church, and to enioyne hym  
 or them, suche penaunce, as shalbee to the spirituall Iudge, by his di-  
 scretion thought mete, and conuenient.

Provided alwaies, that this Acte, or any thyng therein contained,  
 shall not extende to abrogate, or take awaie, the abstinence from fleshe,  
 in Lent, or on Fridaies, and Saturdaies, or any other daie, whiche is  
 already



alredy appoynted so to be kept, by vertue of an acte, made, and prouided, in the third yere of the reigne of our soueraigne Lorde the Kynges maiestie that now is, sayng onely of those euens, or daies, wherof the holy daie nexte folowynge is abrogated by this statute. Any thyng a- boue mencioned to the contrary in any wise, notwithstanding.

Prorided also, and it is enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that when, and so often, as it shall chaunce any of the said feastes (the euens whereof, be by this statute commaunded to bee obserued, and kepte fastynge daie) do fall vpon the Mondai: that then, as it hath alwaies been heretofore accustomably vsed, so hereafter the Saturdaie, then nexte goynge before any suche feast, or holy daie, and not the Sondai, shal bee commaunded to bee fasted, for the euen of any suche feast, or holy daie. Any thyng in this statute before mencioned or declared, to the contrary in any wise, notwithstanding.

Prorided alwaies, and it is enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull to euery husbandman, laborer, fisherman, and to al, and euery other persone, and persones, of what estate, degree, or condition, he, or thei bee, vpon the holy daies aforesaid, in haruest, or at any other tymes in the yere, when necessitie shall require, to labour, ride, fische, or worke any kynd of worke, at their free willes and pleasure. Any thyng in this acte to the contrary in any wise, notwithstanding.

Prorided alwaies, and be it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull to the knightes, of the right honourable order of the Garter, and to euery of theim, to kepe, and celebrate solempnely, the feast of their order (commonly called, saint Georges feast) yerely from hencefurthe, the .xii. .xiii. and .xiiii. daies of Aprill, and at suche other tyme, and tymes, as yerely shalbe thought conuenient, by the Kynges highnes, his heires, and successors, and the said knightes, of the said honorable order, or any of them now beyng, or hereafter to be. Any thyng in this acte heretofore mencioned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

#### ¶ The .iiij. Chapiter.

¶ An acte, against fightynge, and quarellynge, in Churches, and Churche yardes.



Forasmuch as of late, diuerse and many outragious, and barbarous behauiours & actes, haue been vsed, and committed by diuerse vngodly, and irreligious persons, by quarellynge, braulynge, fraiynge and fightynge, openly in churches, and churche yardes: Therfore it is enacted, by the Kyng our soueraigne lorde, with thassent of the lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by thaucthoritie of the same, that if any persone whatsoeuer, shall at any tyme after the first daie of Maie next comynge,



myng, by woordes onely, querell, chide, or brawle in any Churche, or Churche yerde, that then it shal be lawfull vnto the Ordinarie of the place, where the same offence shal be doen, and proued, by twoo lawfull witnesses, to suspende euery persone so offendyng. That is to saie, if he be a laye man, ab ingressu Ecclesie, and if he be a clerke, from the ministracion of his office, for so long tyme, as the said Ordinarie, shall by his discrecion thinke mete, and conuenient, accordyng to the faulte.

And further it is enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any persone, or persones, after the said first daie of Maie, shall smite or laie any violent handes vpon any other, either in any Churche, or Churche yerde: That then, ipso facto, euery persone so offendyng, shal be demed excommunicate, and bee excluded, from the felowshippe and companie of Chyistes congregacion.

And also it is enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any persone, after the said first daie of Maie, shall maliciously strike any persone, with any weapon, in any Churche, or Churche yerde, or after the same first daie of Maie, shall drawe any weapon, in any Churche, or Churche yerde, to the entent to strike another with the same weapon: That then euery persone so offendyng, and thereof beyng conuicted by verdicte of. xij. men, or by his awne confession, or by twoo lawfull witnesses, before the Justices of Assise, Justices of Oyer and Determiner, or Justices of Peace, in their Sessions, by force of this acte, shal be adjudged by the same Justices, before whom suche persone, shal be so conuicted, to haue one of his eares cutte of. And if the persone, or persones so offendyng, haue none eares, whereby thei should receiue suche punishment, as is afoze declared: that then he, or thei, to bee marked and burned in the cheke, with an hotte yron, hauyng this letter. F. whereby he or thei, maie bee knowen, and taken, for fraie makers and fighters, and besides that, euery suche persone, to bee, and stande, Ipso facto, excommunicated, as is aforesaid.

#### ¶ The. v. Chapter.

¶ An Acte, for the maintenaunce of Tillage, and encrease of Cozne



For the better maintenaunce of Tillage, and encrease of cozne, to be had within this realme, which of late tyme, been much decayed, by suche as haue conuerted landes, vsually putte in Tillage, to pasture: Bee it enacted, by the kyng our souereigne Lorde, with the assent of the lordes and commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that there shal be yerely, after the feast of the Annunciacion of our lady, whiche shal be in the yere of our Lorde God, a. M. D. liij. as muche lande, or moze, put wholly in Tillage,



Tillage, and bled, and sown, accordyng to the custome of the countrey, and nature of the ground, and so shalbee continued and bled for Tillage, and sown for ever, by the owners, fermours, or occupiers thereof, in every Tonne, Parische, Village, and Hammelet, within the realme of Englande, and Wales: as was, or hath been put in Tillage, in any one yere, and so kept in Tillage, by the space of foure yeres, any tyme sence the first yere of the reigne, of king Henry theight, vpon pain to forfeit to the kyng, and his heires, for every acte not put in Tillage bled and occupied, accordyng to the fourme, and effecte, of this present acte, five shillpings, for every yere so offendyng. And for the better execution of this Acte: Be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that our saied soueraigne lord the kyng, his heires and successours, at his and their will, and pleasure, from tyme, to tyme, make directe his, and their severall Commission, and Commissions, vnder the greate seale of Englande, to suche persones, as it shall please them. And that thesame commissioners, or four of theim at the least, shall have power and aucthoritie, by vertue of this acte, and of thesaid commission, to enquire, searche and trie, by the othes of twelve lawfull, and indifferent persones, or more, in every Hundzed, Rape, or Wapentake, suche as make dispende yerely. xl. s. of treholde: what landes, and tenementes, in every toun, Parish, Village, or Hammelet, within the limites of their charge (haue against the fourme and effecte, of this present Acte, and statute) at any tyme, or tymes, sence thesaid first yere of the reigne, of kyng Henry the eight, been conuerted, and turned from Tillage to Pasture, and so lying conuerted, and turned, from Tillage, to Pasture, and is now, or hereafter so shalbee continued, and occupied in Pasture. And that thesaid twelve persones, or more, vpon their othes, shall make true and lawfull presentment, and certificat, as well of all, and synghuler, the premisses, as of the names, or surnames, of the owners, fermours, and occupiers of thesame, in writyng vnder their seales, to thesaid commissioners, at suche date, tyme, and place, as shalbe limited to them, by the said commissioners. And that thesaid commissioners, after suche presentmentes thereof, had, and made, shall cause thesame presentmentes, to be engrossed in Parchement, endented, and sealed with their seales, wherof the one parte thereof, shalbee deliuered to the foreman of the Jurie, and the other part thereof, shalbe certefied into the kynges court of Chauncerie, within two monethes, next after suche presentment, so had and made. And that from thencefurthe, thesaid presentmentes, with convenient speede shalbee certefied, and streted out, and from thesaid Courte of Chauncerie, into the Courte of the Eschequer, there to remain of record, among the kynges Maisties recordes of thesame Courte of the Eschequer, to the entent that this Statute shalbee the more diligently, and indifferently, put in the execution, accordyng to the true meanyng thereof.

And



And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that suche commissioners, as shall here after be auctorised by vertue of the Kynges commission, to putte this Acte in execution, shal befoze suche tyme, as he, or thei, shall sitte vpon the same commission, take a corporall othe, befoze the Lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or the Lorde keeper of the great Seale, for the tyme beyng, or befoze suche other persone, or persones, as shal haue auctoritie, from the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or the keeper of the great Seale, for the tyme beyng, by Dedimus potestatem, to receiue, and take his, or their othes, truely faithfully, indifferently, & iustly, accor dyng to the vttermost of his, or their wittes, learnynges, and cunnynge to endeuoure them selues, for, and to the true execution of this statute, and of al, and euery thyng, conteyned in the same, for the better maintenaunce of tillage, and encrease of cozne, to be had, accor dyng to the true meanyng of this Acte.

And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the said commissioners, or two of them at the leaste, shall haue auctoritie, and power, to directe their precept to the Shieriefe of the countie, beyng within the limites of their commission, to warne suche, and as many honest men of his Bailiwicke, as is aforesaid, by whom the truth may best be knowen, to enquire, and true presentment make, of all, and euery the premisses, and to sette suche reasonable fynes, pssues, and amerciamentes, vpon suche persons, as shall make default of their apperances, or makynge their apperances, shal neglecte to do their duties, in, and about the execution of the premisses, as to the same commissioners, or fowze of them, shalbe by their discrecions thought mete, and conuenient, so that the same fine, or amerciament, for any one default exceede not the somme of. xx. s. And that the same fynes, pssues, and amerciamentes, so by them taxed, and sette, shalbe perely, wel, and truely streated, into the said court of theschequier, and there to be leuied to the Kynges vse, as other fynes, and amerciamentes, haue bene there accustomed and vsed to be leuied.

Provided alwayes, & be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the puttyng of any landes, or tenementes hereafter, from pasture, to tillage, accor dyng to the forme and effecte of this Acte, shal not in any wyse extende, to be any cause of breach, or forfeiture of any bonde, covenant, paiement, or condition made, or hereafter to be made, betwene any person, or persones, whiche in any wyse is, or shalbe repugnaunte, or contrariant to this Acte.

Provided alwayes, and it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this Acte, ne any thyng therein conteined, shal not in any wyse extende to any lande, couerted, or to be couerted into pasture, that shal be kept without fraude, or couine, onely for the maintenaunce of the houses & hospitalitie, of any person, or persones, nor to any land, that commonly or vsually, hath lien to pasture, by the space of. xl. yeres, last past, nor to



any wast groundes, or heithes, nor to any common downes, fennes, moores, or marishes, whiche haue not bene comonly, and vsually for the most parte sown, or put in tillage, within .xl. yeres last past, nor to any lande now beyng lawful warre, or now vsed, and kepte for comies, nor to any grounde stubbed, or wonne, from wood, bushes, broome, or fittes, into the kynde of pasture, nor to any lande now enclosed in any parke, commonly vsed with dere, and that without fraude, or couyne, hath bene vsed for any parke, within .iij. yeres, last befoze this present session of the Parlaiment, nor to any salte marshes, nor to any marshes, that commonly within ten yeres, hath bene ones surrounded, or ouer flowen with water, nor to any grounde enclosed, by the licence of our souereigne Lorde the Kyng, or any of his noble progenitours, nor to any orcharde, gardeine, poole, or ponde yarde, nor to any medowe grounde yerely mowen, or to be mowen for haye, nor to any lande sette or to be sette, with saffron, or with hoppes, nor to any londe sown, or to be sown, with hempe, flaxe woad, or madder, nor to any lande without fraude, or couyne, sown, or to be sown, with acornes, or sette, or to be sette with woode, durpng suche tymes, as the same shalbe vsed, or put to the vses and ententes befoze specified.

Enacted also, and be it further enacted by thauuthoritie aforesaid, that this Acte, nor any thyng therein contened, shal in any wise extende or be prejudiciall, or hurtful to any person, or persones, whiche at any tyme heretofore hath conuerted, or at any time, or times, hereafter shal conuerte, any arable lande, to pasture in any parochie, towne, village, hammelet, or other place, or places, of this Realme, for the whiche suche person, or persons, hath al ready, or within one yere, aftr the feast of Easter, nexte commyng, or within one yere nexte after any suche enquisition hereafter to be founde, aftr suche conuertynge of arable grounde into pasture, hath, or shal turne, or conuerte to tillage, & arable ground as muche pasture, grounde, or lease within the same parochie, towne, village, or hammelet, or within any of them, where any suche lande, so hath bene, or hereafter shalbe conuerted, from tillage to pasture, and do suffre the same lande, so turned from pasture to tillage, so to continue in tillage, and be atable without turnyng the same to pasture againe, so long as the landes turned to pasture, as aforesaid, shalbe vsed in pasture. Any thyng in this present acte contened to the contrary here of, in any wise notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted, by thauuthoritie aforesaid, that aswell all commissioners, Justices of Assise, Justices of Oyer and determiner, as Justices of peace, in their sessions, and none other, shal haue ful power, and auctoritie, to enquire of the premisses, and shal certifie all presentmentes, that shalbe had befoze them, into the courte of chauncery, and from thence to be treated, in conuenient tyme, into the Kynges court of theschequer, and that the partie greued, if he wille, may haue,  
and



and tende his trauerse, accordyng to the lawes of this Realme, in the same court, whether the said landes, or tenementes, so founden, by any suche enquisicion, be holden of the kyng immediatly, or not.

¶ Provided also, and be it enacted by thauuthoritie aforesaid, that this Acte, nor any thyng therein contened shall, or may in any wyse extende, to geue any aucthoritie to any Shierefe, vnder shierefe, or any their officer, Bailife, or minister, to enfringe, breake, or entre, into any libertie, or liberties, for the execution of any precepte, or other procelle, whiche shalbe hereafter to hym, or them, awarded by aucthoritie, and vertue of this Acte, otherwyse then he, or thei might haue doen, before the making of the same. Any thyng herein contened to the contrarie in any wyse, notwithstanding.

¶ Provided also, and be it further enacted by thauuthoritie aforesaid, that if any person, or persons offendyng this acte, be at any tyme hereafter impeched, or sued, by force of this Acte, for any offence, or offences committed, or doen, or to be committed, or doen contrary to this acte, that then the partie offendyng so sued, shall not be impeched by the kyng our souereigne lord, or by any other, for the same offence, by vertue of any lawe, acte, or actes, statute, or statutes, heretofore had or made for the reformation of any the articles, or branches, contened in this acte. Any thyng in this acte, or any other acte, or actes, had, or made, to the contrarie, in any wyse notwithstanding.

¶ Provided also, and be it further enacted by thauuthoritie aforesaid, that this acte, or any thyng therein contened, shal not extende to charge any person, or persons, with any penaltie, or forfeiture, for, or concernyng any offence doen, or to be doen, contrary to the tenour of this acte, oneles, he, or thei so offendyng, be sued, or impeched for the same, within thre yerres, nexte after the same offence be founde by enquisicion, as is aforesaid. This acte to endure for. x. yerres, and from thence, vnto the ende of the nexte Parliament.

### ¶ The. vi. Chapter.

#### ¶ An Acte for the true making of wollen clothe.



¶ WHERE heretofore diuers, & many goodly statutes haue bene made for the true making of clothe within this Realme, whiche neuertheles, forasmuche as clothiers, some for lacke of knowlege, & experience, and some of extreame coueitousnes do daily more and more, studie rather to make many, then to make good clothes, hauyng more respecte to there priuate commoditie and gaine, then the aduancement of truth, and continuance of the commoditie in estimation accordyng to the worthines therof, haue and do daily, in steade of



trithe practise falsehodde, & in steade of substantial makynge of clothe, do practise sleight, and slender makynge, some by mynglyng of yarnes of diuerse spynnynges in one clothe, some by mynglyng felle wolle, & lābes wolle, or either of them with fiece wolle, some by puttyng to litle stuffe, some by takynge them out of the mille befoze they be full thicked, some by ouer stretchyng them, byō the tentour and then stoppyng with flockes suche brackes, as shalbe made by meanes therof, finally by byng so many subtile sleighes, and vntruthes, as when the clothes so made, be put in the water, to trie them, they ryle out of the same neither in length, nor in bzeadthe, as they ought to do, and in some place narrower then some, belyde suche cockelyng, bandyng, & diuers other great and notable faultes, as almost cannot be thought to be true. And yet neuerthelesse, neither fearyng the lawes in that case prouided, nor regarding the estimacion of their countrie, do not onely procure the alnegour to sette the Kynges seale to suche false, vntrue, & faultie clothe, but do them selues weaue into the same, the likenesse and similitude of the Kynges highnes most noble and imperial crowne, and also the first letter of his name, whiche shoulde be testimonies of truth, & not a defence of vntruth, to great flaunder of the Kyng our soueraigne Lord, & the shame of this lande, and to the vtter destruction of so great & notable commoditie, as the lyke is not in any fozein nacion. Our said soueraigne Lord the Kyng, therfoze myndyng to aduaunce all truth, and to abandon falsehodde, and also to prouide for the continuance of the said commoditie of cloth makynge, to his honour, and the commune profite of the Realme: hath by thaduise of the lordes, & communes in this present Parliament assembled, caused, aswel diuers honest clothers, as also diuerse drapers, marchaunt tailours, clotheworkers, meremen, and other artifices, to who it apperteyneth, to be examined by certaine wyse, discret, and sage knightes, and burgeses of this present Parliament, of suche matters as touche aswel the false, as the true makynge of clothes, by whose declaracion, consent, agreement, and aduise, aftre diuers and sondry metynges, and great deliberate aduise taken in the premises, by aucthoritie of this present Parliament it is enacted, as hereafter foloweth, to remaine firme, and perfecte, notwithstanding any suggestions hereafter to be made by any clother, or clothemaker to the contrary, as they haue in lyke case heretofore doen.

That is to say, that euery clothe, carsey, piece of frise, & cotton shalbe made in suche sorte, and fourme, and shal contene in length, bzeadth, & weight, as is herein, hereafter particularly mencioned, byō suche paines penalties, and forfeitures, as be hereafter expessed, and appointed.

First that all, and euery bzoode clothe, and clothes, whiche shalbe made aftre the said feast of S. Michaell Tharchaungel nexte comyng within the shieres of Kent and Sussex, or at the towne of Redyng, or any of them, or els where of lyke makynge, as the clothes made



made there shalbe of, shal contene in length at the water, euery piece be-  
 yng thzough wette, betwixt. xxviii. & xxx. yardes of measure, that is now  
 customably vled, & in breadth vii. quarters at the least within the listes  
 by the whole length of the same clothe, the listes of the same clothes to  
 be of lyke makynge, & assise, as thei haue here befoze tyme bene vled to  
 be made, & that euery piece of thesaid clothes beyng well scoured, thic-  
 ked, milled, & fully dried, shalbe in weight & weighe. xx. l. at the leaste.

And that al, & euery white clothe & clothes, which shalbe made with-  
 in the citie of Worcester, comenly called long worcesters, & al lyke clo-  
 thes of lyke makynge, made within the citie of Couentrie, or els where  
 after thesaid feast, shal contene in length beyng wette, as is aforesaid, be-  
 twixt. xxix. & xxxi. yardes the piece, & to euery yarde one ynche of the sta-  
 darde, & shalbe of the breadth aboue specified, thzough out, & by al the  
 length of the whole cloth, & listed, as hath bene accustomed, & beyng wel  
 scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried, shal weighe. iiii. score. iiii. l. the  
 piece at the least. And that al coloured clothes made in thesaid citie of  
 Couentrie and Worcester, or els where, of lyke makynge, after thesaid  
 feast, shal contene and be of lyke length, and breadthe as is last afoze  
 mencioned, and be listed as is aforesaid, and being wel scoured, thicked  
 and fully dried, shal weighe. iiii. score l. the piece at the leaste.

And that al, & euery white clothe & clothes, commonly called thozte  
 worcesters, whiche shalbe made within thesaid citie, or countie, or els  
 where, of the same sorte, after thesaid feast, shal contene in length, being  
 wette, betwixt. xxiii. & xxv. yardes, yarde and ynche of the rule, & shalbe  
 of the breadth as is aforesaid, thzough out, and by al the whole cloth,  
 and listed accordyng to the auncient custome, and beyng wel scoured,  
 thicked, and fully dried, shal weighe. iii. score l. the piece at the leaste.

And that al coloured long clothes, whiche after thesaid feast shalbe  
 made within the shieres of Suffolke, Norfolke, & Essex, or any of the,  
 or els where of lyke sorte, shal contene in length, wette as is aforesaid,  
 betwixt. xxviii. & xxx. yardes, yarde and ynche of the rule, and shalbe in  
 breadth, vii. quarters of the yarde within the listes at the least, thzough  
 out, and by all the whole clothe, & listed as hath bene accustomed, and  
 beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried, shal weighe. iiii. score  
 l. the piece at the least. And that al and euery thozte clothe, and clothes  
 coloured, which after thesaid feast shalbe made within thesaid shieres  
 last remembred, or any of them, or els where, of lyke sorte, shal contene  
 wette as is aforesaid, betwixt. xxiii. & xxv. yardes, yarde and ynche of  
 the rule, and shalbe in breadth, as last is remembred, thzough out, & by  
 the whole clothe, & listed as is aforesaid, & beyng fully scoured, thicked  
 milled, and fully dried, shal weighe. iii. score. iiii. l. the piece at the leaste.

And that al, & euery coloured cloth, & clothes which after thesaid feast  
 shalbe made within thesaid shieres, last remembred, or els where of lyke  
 sortes, comonly called handy warpes, of what length thei shal happē to  
 be, shalbe in breadth out of the water, thzough out, and by al the whole



clothe, as is last remembred, & listed as thei haue bene accustomed, & beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried, every parde of every such clothe, shal weighe. iij. l. at the least. And that al whites, whiche aftre the said feast shalbe made in the said shieres, or els wher, as cockesal whites glaunfzodes, & other, beyng handwarpes, of what lengthes soever thei shalbe, shal cōteine in bzeadth, as is afoze remembred, & be listed as is afozesaid, & beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried shal weighe by the yarde. iij. l. at the least, of such measure, as hath bene befoze vled.

And that al whites, & redde whiche aftre the said feast shalbe made in the shieres, or counties of Wilteshere, Glocestre, & Somerset, or any of the, or els wher, of like making, & al other whites, which shalbe made in any other partes of the Realme, & not afoze remembred, shal conteine in length, beyng thzough wette, betwixt. xxvi. & xxviij. yardes, & shalbe vij. quarters of the yarde in bzeadth within the listes at the least, & listed accordyng to the aunciēt custome, & being wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried, shal weighe every piece. lxiij. l. beyng white, &. iij. scoze being coloured at the least. And that al bzode plunkets, azures, blewes, & other coloured clothe, whiche aftre the said feast shalbe made within the said shieres of wilteshere, glocestre, or Somerset, or els where of like making, shal conteine beyng wette as is afozesaid, betwixt. xxv. & xxviij. yardes, yarde & ynche of the rule, & shalbe. vij. quarters of a yarde within the listes, at the least, & listed accordyng to the aunciēt custome, & beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried, shal weighe. iij. scoze. viij. l. p. piece at the least. And that al carseis called Ordemaris, shal cōteine in lēgth betwixt. xviij. & xvij. yardes, yarde & ynche as is afozesaid, & being wel scoured, thicked, milled, dresed, & fully dried, shal weighe. xv. l. at p. least.

And al carseis, called sortyng carseis, which aftre the said feast shalbe made in any parte of this the kynges maiesties realme of Englād, shal conteine in length at the water, betwixt. xvij. and xvij. yardes, yarde & ynche as is afozesaid, & beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, dresed, and fully dried, ready to be shewed, shal weighe. xxiiij. l. the piece at the least.

And that al deuouthere carseis, called douleines, which shalbe made aftre the said feast, shal cōteine in lēgth at the water, betwene. xij. & xiiij. yardes, yarde & ynche of the rule, & being wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried, shal weighe. xiiij. l. the piece, at the least. And that al & every bzode cloth, & clothes, called Taunton clothes, bzidge waters, & other clothes, whiche shalbe made aftre the said feast in Taunton, bzidge water, or in other places of lyke sorte, shal conteine at the water in length, betwixt. xij. & xiiij. yardes, yarde & ynche of the rule, and in bzeadth. vij. quarters of a yarde, & every narowe clothe made aftre the said feast in the said towne, or els where of lyke sortes, shal conteine in the water in length, betwixt. xxiiij. & xxv. yardes, yarde & ynche, as is afozesaid, & in bzeadth one yarde of like measure, & every suche cloth both bzode, & narowe, being wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried, shal weighe. xxxiiij. l. the piece at the least. And that al clothes named checke carsey, & straites,



tes, whiche shalbe made aftre thesaid feast, shal cōteine, beyng wette, betwixt. xvi. & xviii. yardes, with the ynches as is aforesaid, & in bzeadth one yarde at the least, at the water, and beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, and fully dzyed shal weighe. xxiii. l. the piece, at the leaste.

And that al & every Walthe Cotton, & cottons, whiche aftre thesaid feast shalbe made, & wzought ready to be solde for a whole piece, shal not be stretched on the tētour, nor otherwise aboue a naile of a yarde in bzeadth, & shalbe in length. xxii. goades in the water at the most, and in bzeadth. iii. quarters of a yarde, at the water at the least, & beyng so fully wzought, every whole piece therof shal weighe. xlii. l. at the leaste, & every halfe piece of Walthe Cotton, beyng fully wzought as is aforesaid, shal conteine in length, weighte, & bzeadthe, aftre the same rate.

And that all Walthe frises, whiche aftre the feast aforesaid shalbe made & wzought within the shieres of Cardegan, Carmarden, & Dembroke, or any of them, or els where of like makynge, ready to be solde for a whole piece, shal conteine in length at the water. xxxvi. yardes, at the most, yarde & ynche of the rule, & in bzeadthe. iii. quarters of a yarde, & beyng so fully wzought, shal weighe every whole piece. xlviii. l. at the least, & every haulfe piece of Walthe frises, beyng fulle wzought as aforesaid, shal conteine in length, bzeadthe, & weight, aftre the same rate.

And that al & every Northerne clothes, whiche aftre thesaid feast shalbe made, shal conteine betwene. xxiii. & xxv. yardes in length, yarde and ynche of the rule, & in bzeadth, beyng thzough wette. vii. quarters of a yarde within the listes at the least, & beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dzyed, shal weighe. lxi. l. the piece at the leaste, and every halfe piece, called douseines, made aftre thesaid feast, shal conteine in length, betwixt. xii. and. xiii. yardes of measure aforesaid, and. vii. quarters of a yarde in bzeadthe, as afoze, within the listes, and beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, and fully dzyed, shal weighe. xxiii. l. at the leaste.

And that all clothe, cōmunely called Dennistones, or sozeft whites, whiche shalbe made aftre the feast aforesaid, shal cōteine in length, beyng wette, betwixt. xii. & xiii. yardes, yarde & ynche as aforesaid, and in bzeadth. vi. quarters, & an halfe quarter out of the water, at the least, & beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dzyed, shal weighe. xxviii. l. the piece at the least. And that al & every cottones, called Māchestre, Lancastre shiere, & Chest shiere cottonnes, whiche shalbe made aftre thesaid feast, fulle wzought to the sale, shalbe in length. xxii. goades, & conteine in bzeadth. iii. quarters of a yarde in the water, & shal weighe. xxx. l. the piece at the least. And that al clothes, called Māchestre ruggues, otherwise named manchestre frises, whiche shalbe made aftre thesaid feast, & fulle wzought to sale, shal cōteine in lēgth. xxxvi. yardes, & in bzeadth. iij. quarters of a yarde, cōmpng out of the water, & shal not be stretched on the taintour, nor otherwise, aboue a naile of a yarde in bzeadth, & beyng so fully wzought, & wel dzyed, shal weighe every piece. xlviii. l. at the least.

And be it further enacted, that all, & every person, & persons, whiche



After the said feast of S. Michael the archangel nexte comyng shal make  
or cause to be made any of the seuerall kyndes of bryde clothes aboue  
reherced, of any shorter, or longer measure, the is aboue specified & ap-  
pointed for euery countrie, or seuerall kynde of clothes to be made, or  
make any suche clothe, or clothes of lesse bzeadth, or weight, beyng wel  
skowred, thicked, milled, & fully dyed, then as is aboue specified, & ap-  
pointed for euery seuerall country, or kyndes of clothes, & shal putte the  
same to sale, shal forfeite, & lose for euery suche defaulte of euery cloth  
solde, or offred to be solde, in length or bzeadth. xl. s. & for euery pounce  
weight, whiche any clothe so made, and solde, or offred to be solde, shal  
lacke, excedyng not aboue. iiii. l. in weight, shal also forfeite. ii. s. for e-  
uery pounce, the same forfeiture to go to the fynnet therof. And that if  
any suche clothe lacke aboue. iiii. l. weight, of the seuerall weightes a-  
boue mencioned, that euery owner therof shal then forfeite. xl. s. for e-  
uery suche clothe so lackyng of his weight, as is aforesaid.

And provided alwaies, that if any bryde clothe shal excede the seuerall  
lengthe before appointed for euery country, or kynde of makyng by,  
meanes of the finesse, or the good perfecte, and stiffe makyng of the  
same clothe, that then the maker therof shal not encurre any losse, or  
penaltie for the ouerlength of any suche fyne clothe. Any thyng herein  
to the contrarie in any wyse, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, that al & euery person, or persons, which af-  
ter the said feast shal make, or cause to be made any of the seuerall kyn-  
des of carleis, narrow clothes, streightes, douleines, frises, or cottons  
aboue mencioned, whiche shal not be made in suche maner, & fourme, as  
is aboue said, nor coteine & haue in lengthe, bzeadth, & weight seuerally  
appointed, & limited as is aboue specified, shal lose & forfeite for euery  
piece of cloth called streight, or doulein, & for euery piece of narrow cloth  
carley, frise, or cotton, so to be made, & solde, or offred to be solde. xx. s.

And be it further enacted, that fro & after the said feast, no person, or  
persōs, shal put any heate, flockes, or any yarne made of lābes wolle, in  
to any cloth, carley, frise, or cotton, so made & sold, or offred to be sold, vpo  
paine to forfeite euery such cloth, carley, frises, & cotton, wherin any such  
yarne, heate, or flockes shalbe put, or p value of such cloth, carleis, or frise

And be it further enacted, that if at any tyme, after the said feast, any  
clothe thzough the defaulte, or negligence of the carders, spynners, or  
weauers, or any of them, shal, or do proue, either putty, boudy, squally  
by warpe, or woufe, or els shal happen to be euill butled, or wasted in  
the mille, or els thzough the default, or negligence of the mil man, or o-  
therwise to be ful of holes, mille brackes, or to be holy, that the the seale  
of the alnegour shal not be set to any suche cloth, any law, sta-  
tute, or vsage, to the contrarie in any wyse, notwithstanding, but the ac-  
customable fees, and allowaunces of the alnegour shal neuertheles be  
paid, vpo paine of forfeiture of suche whole cloth, or the value therof.

And be it further enacted, that if any clothier, or clothemaker do after  
the said



thesaid feaste, put any clothe, or carsey to sale, befoze he shal haue pated to the alnegour, or his deputie, the accustomed fee, or agree for the same, as he, she, or thei haue bene accustomed, shal lose and forfeite for euery default. xx. s.

And be it further enacted, that no person, or persons, English, denizen alien, or straunger shal aftr thesaid feast carry, or transpote, or cause to be caried, or trasported into any of the partes beyōde the sea, any cloth, carsey, frise, or cotton of the seueral sortes aboue recited, oneles the kinges seale, or alnegours seale of this Realme, & the seale of the owner, or maker of the clothe (declaryng therin the length of the clothe as it shal be in the water) be set vpon euery suche clothe vpon paine to forfeite euery such cloth lackyng thesame seales, or any of the, or the value therof.

And be it further enacted by thauthortie aforesaid, that no draper, marchaunt tailour, clothworker, or other person, which shal retaille any of the clothes, or carseis, frises, rugges, or cottōs of the seueral makyn- ges aforesaid, shal aftr thesaid feast put to sale, any of the clothes afore mencioned, whereunto the alnegour shal haue set to the kynges seale, & the owner his seale, til suche time, as he, or thei haue made trial, aswel by the water, as by the weight & measure, whether thei & euery of them shalbe made accordyng to the purpote, & true meanyng of this acte, or no. And if any person, or persons shal fynde any defectiue, or faultie clothe, in length, waight, or measure, made cōtrary to thorder aforesaid that then he, or thei, shal presente euery suche clothe to euery Shalour, Bailife, or other headofficer, or head officers of euery citie, borough, or towne corporate, or to two iustices of peace nexte adioynning out of a citie, borough, or towne corporate, where suche cloth shalbe found faultie as is aforesaid, to thentent the same clothe may be cut into thre equall partes, & piieces. The one piece therof to be forfeited to our souereigne lord the king, an other piece to be to the presenter therof, & the third part residewe to suche person, or persons, as it then shalbe presented to, vpon paine that euery such person, as shal not so serche euery of the clothes, carseis, cottōs, or frises aforesaid so by hym to be bought, & solde, & shal not selse, & psete such cloth, or clothes, as he, or thei shal finde defectiue as is aforesaid, shal forfeit, & lose the double value of euery such cloth.

And be it further enacted that euery clothier, or other person whatso- euer, whiche so shal selle any suche faultie carsey, cotton, or frise where- unto the alnegour, & the owner shal haue sette to their seales, & shal so be sealed, as is aforesaid, shal within. xliij. daies nexte aftr requeste made by wrytyng, message, or other wyse, by suche person, whiche shal so buye suche clothe, make paymēt of such sommes of mony, as he receiued for the same, or shal otherwise satisfie, discharge, and acquite hym for so muche money, as he shal, or shoulde haue receiued for the same, vpon paine of forfeiture to the partie greued for euery none payment, or not acquittalle as is aforesaid, the double value of the monie so receiued, or  
to be



to be receiued, the same to be recouered by bille, plainte, action of debte or otherwyle, in any of the Kynges maiesties courtes of recoꝛde, wher in no essone, protection, or wager of law shalbe admitted, or allowed.

And for the further auoidyng of muche vnt ruth practised by stretchyng of clothes, be it enacted that no person, or persons, shal afte the said feast, straine, or stretch, or cause to be strained, or stretched any clothe, aboue one yarde in lengthe, and one haulfe quarter in bꝛeadthe vpon paine to foꝛfeite for euery suche defaulte. v. l.

And be it further enacted, that no person, whiche shal afte the said feast kepe, haue, vse, or occupie any taintour, shal haue, vse, or occupie any wꝛynche, rope, or rꝑng with the same tentour, or shal vse any other engine vnlawfully to straine, or stretch any clothe, or clothes, vpon paine that euery offendour that shal vse, or occupie any tentour, or other engine to the contrarie, shal foꝛfeite. x. l.

And be it also enacted by lyke aucthoritie, that if any marchaunt shal by any meanes transport, or carꝑ ouer into the partes beyonde the sea, any clothe, carsey, frise, or cottō, whiche shalbe founde defectiue, or faultie, either in length, bꝛeadth, or weght, or els shal haue any of the faultes afoꝛesaid, that then the marchaunt or other person, whiche shal so transporte the same, shal retourne againe the same clothe, so founde defectiue, into England, at the costes & charges of the clothier, or clothemaker that solde the same cloth, the same costes, & thinges to be recouered against suche clothemaker, or clothier by actiō of debt, bille, plaint, or informacion in any of the Kynges courtes, any promise, or bargaine to the contrary, notwithstanding. vpon paine that euery marchaunt, or other person, whiche shal not so retourne such faultie, or defectiue cloth, (if thꝛough misfortune, by tēpeste, pirates, or enemies he be not letted) shal foꝛfeite & lose the value of the cloth so shipped & transported, & not retourned, as is afoꝛesaid. thone moietie therof to the king, & the other moietie to him that wil sue for the same by action of debte, bille, plainte or enformacion, in whiche actions no essone, protection, nor wager of lawe shalbe admitted for the defendaunt. And to thentent that it may be perfectly knowen, whiche clothes are perfectly dꝛessed, died, & pꝛessed with the colde pꝛesse, without fraude, couine, & deceipte, aswel within the citie of Londō, as elles wheare, & haue sufficient workeman shippe:

Be it further enacted, that aswel the Maiour of the citie of London and Aldermen, or the most parte of them, for the tyme beyng, as al, and euery other Maiour, Bailife, and other headofficer, or officers of euery Citie, Boꝛoughe, or Towne corporate within this realme, shal haue ful power and aucthoritie by vertue of this Acte, to nominate, depute, and appointe from tyme to tyme, as occasion shal serue, and shal so fro tyme to tyme, nominate, depute, and appoint two, or mo honest discrete, and experte persons, whiche shal from tyme to tyme vpon there othes viewe, & seache al & euery clothe, and clothes, that shalbe dꝛessed  
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died, or pressed with the colde presse, within euery suche citie, borough, towne corporate, or porte towne, & biewe, and searche whether the same clothe, or clothes be well, & sufficiently dressed, & pressed with the colde presse, without puttig thereto flockes, collace, chalke, flower, or any other deceitful thyng, and also whether the same shalbe wel & substantially died with good, and perfecte colours without any deceiueable thing, or whether it shalbe stretched, or strained any more, the is aboue specified: & shal haue ful power & aucthoritie by vertue of this Acte to entre into al & euery persones house, or houses, wher thei shal thinke mete, to sear- che, & to seale al, & euery suche cloth, & clothes, as thei shal fynde defectiue in the premisses, as forfeited in whole handes soeuer thei shalbe found. The moietie of whiche forfeiture shalbe to the vse of our souer- eigne lord the kynge, & thother moietie to the vse of the Maiour, & comu- naltie of the citie of London, or to the vse of euery citie, borough, towne corporate, porte towne, or Market towne, where the same shalbe sealed.

And be it further enacted, that euery person, or persones in whose handes, or possession suche defectiue, or faultie clothe, either by euill, or deceiueable dieng, dressing, or pressing, as is aforesaid, shalbe founde & sealed as is aforesaid, shal haue his, her, or their remedie by action of Debte, bille, plainte, enforzacion, or otherwyle in any of the Kynge's Maiesties courtes of recoorde, where in no essoine, protectiō, or wager of lawe shalbe admitted, or allowed for the defendaunt against al, & euery suche person, or persons, by whose defaultes, or negligence suche clothe shal so be founde faultie, & shal therby recouer all suche costes, losses, and damages as he shal susteine by occasion therof.

And be it further enacted by the same aucthoritie, that aswel the said Maiour of the citie of London, as euery other Maiour, Bailife, Porte- cieue, or other headofficer of euery citie, borough, towne corporate, or porte towne, shal on thisside thesaid feast, cause to be prepared a seale of leade, wherin aswel the armes, as the name of euery such citie, borough towne corporate, or porte towne shalbe graued, which the same searchers shal cause to be fixed to euery cloth that thei shal finde aftrē p̄said feast wel, & sufficiently dressed, died, & pressed with the colde presse without any of the disceiptes aforesaid, & shal haue for their paines, & traualles therein to be take, by the owner therof for the sealing of euery cloth, ii. s.

And be it further enacted, that if any searcher, or searchers, so to be ap- pointed, do aftrē thesaid feast find any of the clothes being coloured, or died, so made aftrē thesaid feast, either cockly, purly, boudy, squally, or ro- wte, or euil, butled, or wasted in p̄ mille, or ful of holes, or breackes, & the the same searcher, or searchers shal besides p̄ seale of p̄ citie, borough, or towne corporate, wher the same clothe shalbe founde, put another seale of leade at euery end of thesaid cloth, wherin shalbe graued p̄ lettre. & shal also set a marke in p̄ list right against such place, where any of p̄ faultes aforesaid shalbe, with the p̄inte of a lettre, or marke of an inche cōpasse at the



at the least, wherby euery buier may wel know what, & wher þ fault is.

And be it further enacted, that if any of the searchers aforesaid shall sette the seale of any citie, bozoughe, towne corporate, or porte towne, to any coloured clothe, whiche shal not be sufficiently dresled, died, pressed & wrought, as is aforesaid, that then the Maiour & comunaltie, or bailifes, or comunaltie, or other corporation of the towneshippe by whatsoeuer name, or names thei shalbe incorporated, where suche cloth shal so be sealed, shal forfeite & lose the whole value of the clothe so sealed.

And be it further enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that if any of the searchers aforesaid, after thesaid feast do sette to the seale of the citie, bozoughe, or towne corporate within the limites of their searche to any clothe, whiche shalbe cockely, pursey, baudie, squallie, rewie, euill buried, wasted in the mille, or ful of holes, as is aforesaid, and not sette at euery ende of thesaid clothes one seale with the lettre F. as is aforesaid, and also declare by the listes, as is aforesaid what and where the faultes of the clothe be: that then the Maiour and comunaltie, or other the corporation of euery suche bozough, citie, or towne corporate, where suche searcher shalbe appointed, shal forfeite, and lose for euery suche omission, or not setting to of any suche seale, as is aforesaid. v. l.

And be it further enacted, that no person, or persons, whatsoeuer thei be, whiche comunely vse to retaille clothe, or carsey, shall put to sale, ingrosse, or by retaille to any maner of person, any maner of clothe, whiche shalbe made after thesaid feast, being dresled, died, & pressed, as is aforesaid, except there be fixed therunto at euery ende of the same clothe, the seale of suche citie, bozough, or towne corporate, where the same clothe shabe so died, dresled, & pressed, or the seuerall seale of euery suche citie, bozoughe, or towne corporate, where it shalbe died, dresled, or pressed to remaine at the laste ende of euery of thesaid clothe, whiche shalbe solde, during, & by al the tyme, that any piece, or remaunt of suche clothe is to be solde, vnder paine of forfeiture the whole value of such whole clothe.

And be it further enacted, that euery Maiour, Bailife, or other head officer of any citie, bozoughe, or towne corporate, in whiche any suche clothe, or clothes after thesaid feast shalbe made, died, dresled, or pressed with the colde presse, as is aforesaid, whiche doeth not, or shal not after thesaid feast of S. Michael nominate & appoint from tyme to tyme so many searchers as shalbe requisite to viewe and searche clothes vpon their othes, as is aforesaid, shal lose, & forfeite for euery default. x. l.

And be it further enacted, that if any of thesaid searchers so to be appointed by the Maiour being a freeman of thesaid citie, or by the Maiour, Bailife, or other head officer of any Citie, Bozoughe, or towne corporate as is aforesaid, hauyng no reasonable excuse, do refuse to take vpon hym to be a searcher, and do not vse the office of a searcher, as is aforesaid shal forfeite, & lose for euery suche refusal, and not executing of his office so to hym appointed. v. l. The one haulfe therof to be to



be to the kyng our souereigne lord, and thother halfe, to the vse of the communaltie of euery citie, borough, or towne corporate, where he shal so be assigned, and to remayne in warde till suche tyme, as he hath made payment of thesaid forfeiture, or otherwise put in sufficient bondes for the satisfaction of thesame. And forasmuche as there be now in this tyme many false, and deceivable colours made, in diuers places of this realme, whereby many of the kynges loupng subiectes are deceiued,

Be it enacted, that from and after thesayd feast of saincte Michael Tharchaungel next commyng, no persone, or persones, shall put to sale by retayle within this realme, any clothe, or clothes, whiche shalbe made after thesaid feast, of any other coloure, or coloures, then is hereafter expressed, that is to saie, Skarlet, redde, Crymosen, murrey, Violet, puke, bzoun, blew, blackes, grenes, yellowes, blewes, Ozenge tawney, russet, marble, gray, sad newe colour, Azure, watchet, Shepes coloure, Lion colour, Whottley, or yron gray, vpon paine that euery persone offending to the contrary, shall lose and forfeite the valew of the cloth solde by retayle, whiche shalbe of any other coloure.

And be it further enacted, that no persone, or persones, after thesayd feast of saincte Michael the Archangell, shall presse any kynde of clothe, with the whote presse, or in any other kind of deceivable maner, but only with the cold presse, as is aboue specified, vpon payne of forfeiture of the whole clothe so pressed contrary to the meanyng of this statute, or the valewe thereof.

And be it further enacted, that if any persone, or persones, but suche as are appointed, assigned, and permitted, by this acte, do at any tyme after thesaid feast, counterfecte, sette to, or take away fro any of the clothes, Carlets, frisyngs, rugges, or cottons aforesaide, any of the seales so to be fixed, as is aboue recited, that then euery persone so offending, shall for the firste offence (beyng therof duely conuicted, by verdicte of xij. men, by two sufficient witnesses, or by confession of the partie) forfeite, and lose. x. l. and for the seconde offence (beyng likewise therof conuicted) shall sitte on the pillourie, and lose, & forfeite, to our souereigne lord the kyng, all suche his goodes and cattalles (his debtes beyng duely & truly payde, without fraude or coune) as he had, or shall haue at the tyme of his conuiction.

And be it further enacted, that if betwene the first day of May next commyng, and the feast of saincte Michael Tharchaungel, then next commyng, any persone, or persones, whiche nowe doth vse the arte or mistery of drappynge, or cloth makynge, shal geue ouer drappynge or cloth makynge, excepte he be licenced so to do, by thre iustices of peace, at the leaste, of the citie, countie, borough, or towne corporate, where he dwelleth, vpon some reasonable cause shewed vnto thesaid iustices, shall neuer after take vpon hym to make, or cause to be made, any kynde of cloth or carsey, to sel thesame agayne, vpon payne of forfeiture of euery



by suche clothe or carsey that he shall so sell.

And be it further enacted, that al and euery article, clause, or sentence, in any acte of parliament heretofore made, concernyng makynge, dyng, dyessyng, pressyng, serchyng or sealing, of any of the kindes of clothes, byode or narowe, white, or coloured, carseis, frieles, rugges or cottons, heretofore in this acte mencioned, and beyng repugnaunt, or contrariant to any article or sentence in this statute, shall fro the feast of sainte Michaell Tharchaungell next, be vtterly voyde, and of none effecte. And to thentent, that all suche clothes as shalbe made within this realme, or any other the kynges dominiōs, after thesaid feast, shalbe the better knowen fro the other clothes made befoze thesame tyme:

Be it therfore enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that from after thesayde feast, the letter, E. crouned, shall not be wrought into the clothe, for, and by the space of two yeres then next ensuyng, vpon paine of forfeiture of twenty. s. for euery clothe or carsey, wherein thesayde letter, E. shall so be wrought, the moytie of all whiche forfeiture and of all other forfeitures befoze expessed, and not otherwyle appoynted by this presente Acte, shalbe to the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the other moitie, to hym or them that wil sue for thesame, by actiō of debte, detynewe, byll, playnte, or informacion, in any of the kynges courtes of recoorde, wherein no wager of lawe esoyne or protection shalbe admitted nor allowed for the defendaunt.

Provided also, and be it enacted by th aucthoritie abouesayde, that it shall not be lawfull to any persone, or persones, at any tyme after the feast of sainte Michaell Tharchaungell, next commynge, to boyle or cause to be boyled, any kynde of wolles, to be conuerted into any kynde of byode cloth, or Carsey, with any kynde of galles, cyndes, barres of trees, or sawe dust, vpon payne to forfeite all suche wolles or the value thereof, to be recouered, and had in suche fourme and sozte, as in the foresayde acte is limited and expessed.

Provided alwaies, that this Acte or any thyng therein conteyned, shal not in any wyle extende to any clothe or clothes, made in the toun of Tauestocke, in the countie of Deuonshere, or els where, within the sayde countie commonly called Tauestocke clothes, but that it

shalbe lawfull to all and euery enhabitauntes of thesayde toun, or makers of thesayde clothes, commonly called

Tauestockes, to make and sell thesame with the accustomed seale, as they haue heretofore bene accustomed,

any thyng in this acte to the

contrary, in any wyle not withstanding.

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## The. vij. Chapter.

An acte limityng the tymes for buyeng  
and selleng of Wolles.

**W**herasmuche as the great plentie of wolles within this Realme, ought by all reason to cause thesame to be of conuenient and resonable prices, yet by the gredy and couetous myndes, aswell of suche as haue the greate plenty and aboundaunce of shepe and wolles, as also by the corrupte practises of diuers Broggers, engrossers, wolle gatherers, and regratours, and sondrie other persones, by the haueyng to muche libertie of buyeng, keepyng, vsyng, & occupieng of the same wolles, it manifestly appereth, that the prices therof be woderfully and excedyngly enhaunced and raysed, to the great hurt, Detriment, and Decaie of the Realme:

Be it therefore ordeined, established, and enacted, by aucthoritie of this present Parliamente, that no maner of persone, or persones, beyng bozne within the kynges obeisaunce, shall after the laste daie of Maie nexte, buye, bargayne, take or make, any promes, or bargayne of wolles, but onely suche persone or persones, his wife, or his, or their apprentice, or apprentices, enhabitng in his, or their mansion house or houses as shal of thesaide wolles make parne, any kynde of clothe, Chamblettes, wolsteades, sayes, stamine, knitte hose, knitte peticotes, knitte gloves, knitte sleeves, battes, coyues cappes, arrasse, tapesserie, Couerlettes, girdles, or any other thyng used to be made of wolle, or mixed with wolle, within the Realme: or elles a Merchaunte or Merchauntes of the staple at Callais, or his, or their apprentice, or apprentices, dwellyng in his, or their, mansion house, or houses, to be shipped only to the staple at Callais, vpon payne of forfeiture of the double value of the sayde wolles so to be bought, or bargayned, or taken by promysse of bargayne, contrary to this present acte.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that no merchant straunger, after the. xx. daie of Aprill nexte comyng, by hym selfe, or by any other persone or persones for hym, in his name or to his vse, in any yere after thesayd, xx. daie of Aprill then to come, shall bargayne or buye any wolles, befoze the feast of the Purificatton of our lady next after the clippynge or sheatyng of thesame wolles, vpon payne of forfeiture of the double value of thesame wolles.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that no maner of persone or persones, haueyng any wolle or wolles, of his or their owne groweth, shall at any tyme after the feast of the Natyuite of sainte Ihon Baptiste next comyng, kepe thesame wolles, to the intent

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to sell thesame in wolle bntwought, ouer and aboue one whole yeare nexte, and immediatly after the lherpynge of thesame wolles: so as there be offered without fraude or couine to the owner or owners thereof, within thesame tyme, suche pzyce as then shalbe moste communely geuen in thesame Shiere for wolle, of lyke goodnesse and packyng, vpo payne of forfeiture for euery todde, or todde weyght thereof so kepte aboue one yeare vnsolde, as is aforesayde, the somme of .x. s. the moitie of all and euery suche forfeiture & forfeitures, penaltie or penalties befoze reherled, to be to the vse of our souereigne lord the kynge, his heires and successours, and the other half to the vse of him that wil sue for thesame, in any of the kynges Courtes of recozde, by action of debte, byll, plaint, informacion, or otherwyle, wherin no wager of law, protection or esoyne shalbe allowed for the defendaunt.

Provided alwaies, that the merchautes of Newe Castle, and other persones, may buye wolles of the groweth of the Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, Rychemonde, and Alerton Shiere, or the Bischopricke of Duresme, to thentent to shyppe or transporte thesame into the partes beyonde the Sea, as they haue ben accustomed, any thyng in this Statute to the contrary, in any wise not withstanding.

Provided also and be it enacted, that the Merchautes of the Staple, maye from tyme to tyme, bargayne or selle, their refuse course wolles, and locques, suche as is not mete for thesayde Staple, to any person, or persones, that will buye thesame to make yarne or clothe, or other thynges, as is abouesayde, within this Realme, so as thesame be shotte and packed by the wolle packer, declarpynge of what packyng or countrey the refuse or locques be, and wrytyng vpon the clothes wherein thesayd refuse wolle is packed in great lettres, as they do vpon the wolles that is shipped to Callais.

Provided alwaies and be it enacted by thauthozitie abouesayde, that it shall and may be lawfull to the kynge our souereigne Lorde by his proclamacion, at any tyme hereafter to be made and sette furth, to repeale this Statute, and all and euery article, clause, sentence, and other thyng, and thynges, therein conteyned, and to make thesame boyde to all ententes, and purposes, as though this Acte had neuer bene had or made, any thyng in this Statute to the contrary, not withstanding.

Provided alwaies, that the Acte made at the firste Session of this Parlamente holden, in the firste yeare of the reygne of our souereigne lord the kynge, called and entituled the Acte for the continuance of inakpynge of Woosted yarne in Norfolke, and euery article and clause thereof, shall remayne and continue in full force, vertue and strength. And that all persones enhabityng, or that shall enhabite, within the sayde Countie of Norfolke, or Citie of Norwich, and euery of them shall



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shall and may buye, and sell, wolles growyng within thesayde Countie of Norfolk, accordyng to the purporte, true effecte, and plaine meanyng of thesayde Acte, made in the sayde fyfthe yere of the reigne of our sayde soueraigne Lorde the Kyng, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary thereof, in any wyse not withstandyng.

### The viij. Chapter.

**An Acte limityng what persones  
shall weaue or make  
bryde wollen  
clothe.**



It enacted by the assent of the Kynges Maiestie the Lordes spirituall, and tempozall, and the commons in this Parlemeute assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that no persone, or persones within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Kynges Dominions, after the feast of sainte Michaell the Archaungell next ensuyng, shall weaue, or make, or put to weauyng, or makyng, any maner of bryde wollen clothe, or bryde wollen clothes, to be solde, onles that suche persone, or persones, that shall so weaue or make, or put to weauyng, or makyng, the sayd bryde wollen clothe, or clothes, so to be made to be solde, haue bene an apprentice to the occupacion of bryde wollen clothe makyng, or clothes weauyng, or haue bene exercised and practysed in, and with bryde clothe makyng, or clothe weauyng, by the space of seven yeres at the least, befoze thesame persone, or persones, shall so take vpon hym, or them, to make, or weaue, or to putte to weauyng, or makyng, thesayde bryde wollen clothes, vpon payne to forfeite all, and euery suche clothe, and clothes, so wouen, or made, contrarie to the fourme of this acte: the one halfe of whiche forfeiture, shalbe to our soueraigne lord the Kyng, and the other halfe, to hym or them, that will, or shall, sue for thesame, by byll, playnte, action of debte, or enforzacion, in any courte of Recorde, within this Realme of Englande, or Wales, in whiche action, sute, playnt, bil, or infozmacion, no elloyne, protection, or plea to the iurisdiction of the Courte, shall be allowed for the defendaunt.

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An acte that no man robbing any house, Bouthe, or  
 Certe, shalbe admitted to the bene-  
 fite of his Clergie.



Where at the Parliament holdē at Westminster, by  
 prorogacion, in the. xxix. yere of the reigne of the  
 late king of famous memory, kyng Henry the. viii.  
 It was among other thinges, then and there enac-  
 ted, established, and ordeined, by auctoritie of the  
 same parliamēt, that no persone nor persones, whi-  
 che after that time should happen to be founde gil-  
 tie, after the lawes of this Realme, for any maner  
 petite treason, or for any wilful murther of malice prepen-  
 sed, or for rob-  
 byng of any churches, chappelles, or other holy places, or for robbing  
 of any persone, or persones, in their dwelling houses, or dwelling pla-  
 ces, the owner or dweller in the same house, his wife, his children, or ser-  
 uantes, then being within, and put in feare, or dread by the same, or  
 for robbing of any persone, or persons, in, or nere about the high wales  
 or for wilfull burning of any dwelling houses, or barnes, wherein any  
 grayne, or corne, should happen to be, nor any persone, or persons, be-  
 yng founde giltie of any abettement, procurement, mainteyning, or co-  
 tealyng of any, or to any suche petite treason, murders, or felonies,  
 should from thenceforth be admitted to the benefite of his, or their cler-  
 gie, but utterly to be excluded thereof, and suffre death, in suche maner  
 and fourme, as they should haue done for any the causes, or offences  
 abovesayd, if they were no clerkes, suche as be within the holy orders,  
 that is to saye, of the orders of Subdeacon or aboue, alonely excepted,  
 as by the same acte amonges other thynges moze playnely appereth,  
 whiche acte was made to endure vntill the last daie of the next parla-  
 ment, and after that at the session of the parliament holden at Westmin-  
 ster by prorogacion, in the. xxxij. yere of the reigne of the sayd late kyng  
 the same acte with other actes, was made to continue for euer. Sythen  
 the making of whiche statute, it hath bene doubted, that if suche rob-  
 beries and felonies, hath bene committed and done in dwelling hou-  
 ses, and dwelling places, the owner, or dweller, in the same houses, his  
 wife, his children, or seruantes, being then put in feare, or dread, by the  
 same shal not lose the benefite of their clergie, if the offendours be ther  
 in founde giltie by the lawes of this realme, onles the same robberie, or  
 felonie be committed and done, in the very chamber, house, or place, where  
 the owner or dweller, in the same house, his wife, childre or seruantes,  
 shall happen to be, or lie at the time of suche robberie, and felonie com-  
 mitted & done, and put in feare or dread, although the owner & dwel-  
 ler in suche house, and houses, his wife, his children, or seruantes, at  
 the time



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the time of suche robbery, and felonie committed, & done, were or laye in other places, within the precinct of thesame dwelling houses, nigh vnto the house or place, where suche robbery, and felonie shal happen to be done. Or if it happen that the owner, or dweller, within thesame house, where suche robbery, & felonie, shal happen to be done, his wife, childzen, or seruautes, to be aslepe, at the time of suche robbery, & felonie, committed & done, although thesame robbery were done in the chamber, or place, where the owner or dweller in thesame house, his wife, childzen, or seruautes, then laie, the offendours beyng founde guiltie there of accordyng to the lawes of the lande, should not lose the benefite and aduantage of his Clergie: And where also it hath bene in question, & doubted, that if suche robberies, and felonies, happen to be committed, and done, in any bouth, or bouthes, tent, or tētes, in any faier or market the owner of thesame, his wife, childzē, or seruautes, happen to be within thesame, at the time of the committing of such felonies, & put in feare and dread, the offendours therein beyng founde guiltie, after the lawes of this realme, should not lose the benefite of their clergie. For the true declaracion & explanatiō of thesame doubtēs, or questioēs, before recited

Be it enacted, ordeined, and established, by the kyng our soueraigne lord, the lordes spirituall, and temporall, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame, that if it happen any persone, or persones, to be founde guiltie, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, for robbing of any persone, or persons, after the first day of May next ensuyng in any parte or parcel of their dwelling houses, or dwelling places, the owner, or dweller, in thesame house, or his wife, his childzen, or seruautes, being then within thesame house, or place, where it shal happen thesame robbery, & felonie, to be committed and done, or in any other place within the precinct of thesame house or dwelling place, that suche offendours, shal in no wise be admitted to their Clergie, whether the owner or dweller in thesame house, his wife, or childzen, then, and there beyng, shalbe wakynge, or sleping. And that no persone, nor persones, whiche after thesaide first day of May, shall happen to be founde guiltie, after the lawes of this Realme, of, and for robbing any persone, or persones, in any bouth, or tente, in any fayre or market, the owner, his wyfe, his chyldzen, or seruautes, or seruaunt then beyng within thesame bouth, or tente, shall not from hencefurth be admitted to the benefite of his, or their Clergie, but vtterly be excluded thereof, and suffre death, in suche maner and fourme, as is before mencioned in thesaide acte, made in thesaide, xxiiij. yere of the reigne of thesame late kyng, for robberies, and felonies, committed, and done, in dwelling houses, and dwelling places, the owner, or dweller, in thesame, his wife, childzen, or seruautes, then beyng within thesame and put in feare & dread, without hauing any respect or consideracion whether the owner or dweller in suche Bouthes, and Tentēs, his wife

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childre, or seruantes, bepng in thesame Bouthes, or Tentis at the time of suche robberies and felonies, committed, shalbe slepyng, or wakpyng.

**The .x. Chapter.**

**An acte to take away the benefite of Clergie from suche as robbe in one shiere, and fle into another.**



Here in the parliamēt holdē at Westminster, byō pro rogacion the .xv. day of January, in the .xxv. yere of the reigne of our late souereigne lordē kyng Henry the eighte: It is recited that at the parlamente holden at Westminster, in the .xxiiij. yere of the reigne of thesaid late kyng, amonges other thynge, ther it was orde ned established, and enacted, that no persone or per sons, which after that tyme should happen to be found gilty after the lawes of this lāde, of any maner of petie treason, or for any wilful mur ther of malice prepensed, or for robbpyng of any churches, chapelles, or othet holie places, or for robbpyng of any persone, or persones, in their dwellyng houses, or dwellyng places, the owner or dweller in thesame house, his wife, his childzen, or seruantes, then bepng within, and put in feare & dread by thesame, or for robbpyng of any persone, or persons, in, or nere about the hyghe waye, or for wilfull burnyng of any dwel ling houses, or barnes, wherin any grayne of cornes, shuld happē to be, nor any person, or persons, bepng found gilty of any abbettemēt, pro curement, helppng, maintenpng, or concelyng, of, or to any suche petie treason, murthers, or felonies, should from thencefurth be admitted, to the benefite of his, or their Clergie, but should vttterly be excluded thereof and suffre death, in suche maner and fourme, as they should haue done for any the causes or offences abouesaid, if they were no clerckes, whiche acte extended, but only where suche offendout was cō uicted in suche countie or place, where suche offence was so committed and done, and not where he, or they, did suche offence in one countie, & were taken with the maner in another countie: Wherefoze it was con sidered, that for asmuche, as diuers and many fellōs, and robbers, that committe and do, diuers and many great heynous robberies, and bur glaries, in one shiere, & conueie the spoyle and robberie into any other shiere, & there be takē, endicted, & arreigned of felonie, of the felonous stealyng of thesame goodes, in thesame other shiere, then whet thesame robberies, or burglaries, were done, and committed, and not of thesame robberie nor burglarie, for that it it was not done nor committed, in the same shiere, where they be so endicted, and arreigned, and that by rea son thereof, such fellons, robbers, and burglares, had, and enioyed the priuilege, and aduantage of their clergie:

For redressse whereof, it was enacted in thesayde Parliament holden in thesayde fyue and twenty yere of thesayde late kyng, that if any persone



persone, or persones, after that tyme, after suche robbery or burglarye, by hym or them done in one Countie, should be indicted of felonye for stealing of any goodes or cattalles, in any other Countie within this Realme, and there vpon arreigned and founde guiltye, or stande mute of malice or chalenge peremptorie aboue the nombre of twenty persones, or would not vpon his or their saide arraignment directly aunswere to thesame felonye, that then thesame persone. and persones, so arreigned, and founde guiltye, or standyng mute of malice, or chalengyng peremptorie aboue the nombre of twenty persones, or that would not directly aunswere to the lawe, should lose and be put from the benefite of his or their Clergie, in like maner and fourme, as they should haue bene, if they had bene indicted, arreigned, and founde guiltye in thesame Countie where suche robbery, or burglarye, as is aforesaide, was done or committed, if it should appere to the iustices, before whom any such felons or robbers should be arreigned, by euidence geuen before them, or by examinacion, that thesame felons & burglars, should haue bene put fro their Clergie, in case they had bene indicted, arreigned, & founde guiltye in thesame Countie, where thesame robberies or burglaries wer committed or done, as in thesame Statute made in thesayde. xrp. yere among other thinges moze plainly appereth. And where in the parliament holden at Westminster, the fourth daie of Nouember, in the firste yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lord the kyng that now is,

It is ordeined and enacted, amonges other thinges, that no persone or persones, that before that tyme had bene, or at any tyme after should be in due forme of the lawes atteynted, or convicted of murther, of malice prepenled, or of poysonyng of malice prepenled, or of breakyng of any house, by daie or by nyght, any person beyng then in thesame house, where thesame breakyng had bene, or after that tyme should be committed, beyng put in feare or dread, or of, or for robberyng of any persone, or persones, in the hygh waye, or nere to the hygh waye, or for felonious stealing of hoxses, geldinges or mares, or of felonious taking of any goodes out of any parochie churche, or other churche, or chapel, or beyng indicted or appealed, of any of thesame offences, & there vpon founde guiltye, by verdicte of. xij. men, or should confesse thesame vpon his or their arraignment, or would not aunswere directly accor dyng to the lawes of this Realme, or should stande wilfully, or of malice mute, should not be admitted to haue or enioye the priuilege or benefite of his or their Clergie, or Sanctuarie, but should be put from thesame, and that in all other cases of felonye, other then suche as be before mencioned, al and singuler persone, & persones, whiche after the first daie of Marche then next following, should be arreigned or founde guiltye vpon his or their arraignment, or should confesse thesame, or stande mute, in fourme aforesaide, or would not aunswere directly in fourme abouesayd, should haue and enioye the priuilege and benefite of his



of his, or their Clergie, and the libertie and priuilege of Sanctuary, in like maner and fourme as he, or they myght, or should haue done, before the .xxiiiij. daie of Aprill, in the firste yere of the reigne of thesayde late kynge Henry the eyght, as in thesayde acte, made in thesayde firste yere among other thynge moze playnely appereth. By reason of whiche article, and clause, contained in thesayde acte, made in thesayde firste yere, the sayde statute made in thesayde .xxv. yere of thesayde late kynge, whiche did put suche fellows and burglaries, from their Clergie, that do suche offence in one Countie, and after are taken with the goodes stolen in an other Countie, and there endicted, arreyned, and founde guiltie, was made voyde. By reason wherof, diuers and many persones that sythen thesayde first yere haue committed suche robberies & burglaries, in one Countie, and after haue bene taken with the maner in an other Countie, and there endicted, arreyned, and founde guiltie haue had and enioyed their Clergie, whiche they could not haue had in case the sayde acte, made in thesayde .xxv. yere, had stande in force, to the greates boldpnyng and comforte of suche offendours.

For redress wherof from hencefurth to be had, be it enacted by authority of this present parliament, that thesayde acte made in thesayde .xxv. yere, touchyng the puttynge of suche offendours, fro their Clergie, and euery article, clause and sentence, contained in thesame, touchyng Clergie, shall from hencefurth touchyng suche offences, fro hencefurth to be committed and done, stande remayne, and be in full strength and vertue, in suche maner and fourme, as it did before the makynge of the sayde acte, made in thesayde firste yere of the reigne of our saide soueraigne lord the kynge that now is, any clause, article, or sentence, comprised in thesayde acte, made in thesayd first yere, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

**The .xi. Chapter.**

**An acte for the punishment of diuers Treasons.**



**F**ORASMUCHE as it is mozte necessaite, both for common pollicie, and dutie of subiectes aboue all thynges to prohibite, restraine and extincite, all maner of shamefull Slaunders, whiche myght growe, happen, or arysle to their soueraigne lord the kynges Maiestie, whiche when they be heard, sene or vnderstande, cannot be but odible and also abhorred of all those sortes that be true and lounyng subiectes, yf in any popncte they may doe or shall touche hye Maiestie, vpon whome dependeth the whole vnitie and vniuersall weale of this realme, without prouidyng wherfore, to great a scope of vnrasonable libertie should be geue to al cancred & tratterours hartes, & the kynges lounyng



louyng subiectes, should not declare vnto their souereigne lord nowe being, whiche vnto them hath bene, and is moſte entierly both beloued and eſteemed, their vndoubted ſinceritie and truth.

Be it therefore enacted, by the ſaſſente, and conſente of our ſouereigne lord the kyng, and the lordes ſpiritual and tempoꝛal, and the comons of this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the aucthoritie of the ſame, that if any perſon or perſones, after the firſt day of June, next comyng, by open preachyng, expreſſe wordes or ſaynges, do expreſſely directly, and aduiſedly, ſette furthe and affirme, that the kyng that nowe is, is an hereticke, ſciſmaticke, tiraūt, infidele, or vſurper of the crowne, or that any his heires or ſucceſſours, to whom the crowne of this Realme is limited by aucthoritie of parlyamente, holden in the. xxxv. yeare of the reigne of the late kyng Henry the eyghte, beyng in lawfull poſſeſſion of the crowne, is an hereticke, ſciſmaticke, tyraunte, infidele, or vſurper of the crowne: That then euery ſuche offendour beyng thereof duely conuicted or atteynted by the lawes of this Realme, their abbettours, procurours, and counſailours, and al and euery their aydours, & comfortours, knowyng theſaide offences, or any of them to be done, for his or their, ſuche firſte offence, ſhall loſe and forfeite to the kyng, al his and their goodes, and cattalles, and alſo ſhall haue and ſuffre impriſonment, of his & their bodieſ, at the kynges will and pleaſure. And if any perſone beyng ones conuicted, or atteynted, of any of theſayd offences, ſhall after his ſayde conuiction, or atteynder eftſones committe, or perpetrate any of the offences befoze mencioned, in fourme afozeſayde committed, and ſhalbe thereof duely conuicted or atteynted, by the lawes of this Realme, that then euery ſuche offendour and offendours, their abbettours, procurours, & counſailours, & al and euery their aydours, and comfortours, knowyng theſayd offences, or any of them to be done, for his or their ſeconde offence or offences, ſhall loſe & forfeite vnto the kyng, the whole yſſues and profytes, of all his and their landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, benefices, prebendes, and other ſpirituall promotions, for terme of the life, of ſuche offendour or offendours, and ſhall alſo loſe and forfeite vnto the kyng, all his and their goodes, and cattalles, and alſo ſuffre, duryng his and their liues perpetuall impriſonment of his and their bodieſ.

Provided alwaies, that ſuche of theſayde ſpirituall promotions, as ſhalbe charged with cure, be alwaies by the kynges Maieſtie, and his heires and ſucceſſours, ſufficiently furnyſhed of a Curate, for the diſcharge of theſame. AND if any perſone beyng twoo tymes hereafter conuicted or atteynted, of any of theſame offences, in fourme afozeſayde committed, ſhall after hys ſeconde conuiction or atteynder, eftſones committe or perpetrate agayne, any of theſayde offences in fourme afozeſayde, and be thereof duely conuicted or atteynted, by the lawes and Statutes of this Realme, that then euery ſuche

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Thirde offence or offences, shalbe demed and adiudged hyghe Treason, and the offendour or offendours therein, their abbettours, procurours, and counsellours, and all and euery their aydours, and comfortours, knowyng thesaid offences, or any of them to be done, beyng thereof convicted, or atteinted, accoꝝdyng to the lawes and statutes of this realme, shalbe iudged and demed high traitours, and shall suffre paynes of death, and lose and forfeite all their goodes, and cattalles, landes, and tenementes, wherof he, or they, shalbe seyled of an estate of inheritance, in his, or their owne right, to the kyng, as in cases of hyghe treason.

And be it further enacted by thaurthozitie aforesayd, that if any persone, or persones, at any time after thesayd first day of June next comyng by writyng, printyng, paintyng, karuyng, or grauyng, do directly, expꝛessely, and aduisedly publishe, set furth and affirme, that the kyng that now is, or any his heires, or successours, limited as is aforesayde, is an hereticke, schismaticke, tyrant, infidell, or vsurper of the crowne, that then euery suche offence and offences, shalbe demed and adiudged hyghe treason, and the offendour, and offendours, their abbettours, procurours, and counsellours, and all and euery their aydours and comfortours, knowyng thesayd offences, or any of them to be done, beyng thereof convicted or atteinted, accoꝝdyng to the lawes & statutes of this realme, shalbe deamed and adiudged high traitours, and shall suffre paynes of deathe, and lose and forfeite all their goodes and cattalles, landes and tenementes, to the kyng, as in cases of hygh treason.

And be it further enacted by thaurthozitie aforesaid, that if any persone, or persones, after thesaide first day of June next comyng, rebelliously do deteine, kepe, or withholde, from our said souereigne lord, his said heires, or successours, any of his or their castles, fortresses, fortresses, or holdes within this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions or marches, or rebelliously, kepe, deteine, or withholde fro the kynges said highnes, his said heires, or successours, any of his or their shippes, ordinaunces, artillerie, or other munitions, or fortifications of warre & do not obediētly render & geue vp to our said souereigne lord, his said heires or successours, or to suche persones as shalbe deputed by them, or any of the, suche castelles, fortresses, fortresses, holdes, shippes, ordinaunces, artillerie, or other munitions & fortifications of warre, rebelliously kept, & deteined, within sixe daies next after they shalbe commaunded by our said souereigne lord, his said heires, or successours, by open proclamation vnder the great seale, thesame proclamaciō to be made in such place & order, so as the partie & parties to be charged by this acte, may conveniently haue notice or knowledge therof: that then euery suche persone, or persons, so offending, in any the premises, after thesaid first day of June, their abbettours, procurours, & counsellours, & al & euery their aydours



aidours and comfortors, knowyng thesaid offences, or any of them, to be doen, beyng lawfully convicted, of the rebelliously keepyng and deteynyng thereof, accordyng to the lawes and Statutes of this realme, shalbe adiudged traitours, and shall suffre paines of death, and lose and forsaite all their goodes and cattels, landes and tenementes, vnto the kyng, as in cases of high treason.

And ouer that, be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any of the kynges subiectes, Denizens or other, do commit or practyse, out of the limites of this realme in any outward partes, any the offences, whiche by this act are made, or heretofore now standyng in force, haue been made treason, that then suche treasons, whatsoeuer thei be, or wher soeuer thei shall happen, so to bee dooen or committed, shalbe enquired and presented, by the othes of xii. good and lawfull menne, vpon good and probable euidence and witnesse, in suche shiere and countie of this realme, and before suche persones, as it shall please the kyng, his saied heires or successours, to appoynt by commission vnder his great seale in like maner and fourme, as treasons committed within this realme, haue been vsed to be enquired of, and presented. And that vpon euery indictment and presentment, founden and made of any suche treasons, and certefied into the kynges Bench, like processe and other circumstance shalbe there made, and had against the offenders, as if thesame treason so presented, had been lawfully found to be doen and committed, within the limites of this realme. And that all processe of outlawry hereafter to be made & had, within this realme, against any offenders in treason, beeyng resiaunt or inhabitaunt, out of the limites of this realme, or in any the partes beyond the sea, at the tyme of the outlawry, pronounced against them, shalbe as good and effectuell in the law, to all ententes and purposes, as if any suche offenders, had been resident and dwellpyng within this Realme, at the tyme of suche processe awarded, and outlawrie pronounced.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if the partie, so hereafter to be outlawed, shall within one yere, next after thesaid outlawry pronounced, or iudgement geuen vpon thesaid outlawrie, yeld hymself vnto the chief Justice of England, for the time beyng, and offre to trauers the indictment or appeale, wherevpon thesaid outlawrie shalbe pronounced as is aforesaid, that then he shalbe receiued to thesaid traaverse, and beyng thereupon found not guilty, by the verdicte of xii. men, he shalbe clerely acquitted and discharged of thesaid outlawrie, and of all penalties and forfeitures, by reason of thesame, in as large and ample maner and fourme, as though no suche outlawry had been made, any thyng herein contained, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that euery offendour and offendours, beyng hereafter lawfully convicted, of any

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maner of high treason, by presentment, confession, verdict, or processe of outlawrie, accordyng to the due course, and custome of the lawes of this realme, shall lose and forfeite to the Kynges highnes, his heires, and successours aforesaid, all suche landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, whiche any suche offendour, or offendours shall haue, of any estate of enheritance, in his awne right, in vse, or possession, within this realme of Englande, or els where, within any the Kynges dominions, at the tyme of any suche treasons committed, or at any tyme after.

And it is further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that no person, or persones, shall in any wise be impeched, for any of the offences aboue said, committed onely by open preachyng of wordes, onles the offendour, or offendours, be thereof accused, within thre monethes next after thesame open preachyng, or wordes, and that thesame accusation or accusations, be had, made, and declared, to one of the kynges counsaill, or to one of the kynges Justices of Assise, or els to one of the kynges Justices of the Peace, beyng of the Quorum, or to twoo Justices of the Peace, within the Miere, where thesame offence, or offences, shall happen to be doen, or committed, any thyng contained in this Acte, to the contrary thereof in any wise, notwithstanding.

Provided also, & be it declared and enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that concelement, or keepyng secreete of any high treason, be demed and taken, onely misprision of treason, and thoffendour therin, to forfeit and suffer, as in cases of misprision of treason, as heretofore hath been vled, any thyng aboue mencioned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that no person, or persones, after the first date of June next comyng shall be indicted, arreigned, condemned, convicted, or attainted, for any of the treasons, or offences aforesaid, or for any other treasons, that now be, or hereafter shall be whiche shall hereafter be perpetrated, committed or doen, onles thesame offendour, or offendours, bee thereof accused, by twoo lawfull accusers, whiche said accusers, at the tyme of the arreignement of the partie accused, if thei bee then luyng, shall be brought in persone, before the partie so accused, and auowe and maintein, that that thei haue to saie, against thesaid partie, to proue hym guiltie of the treasons, or offences, contained in the bill of indictment, laied against the partie arreigned, onles thesaid partie arreigned, shall willyngly without violence, confesse thesame. Sauyng to every person and persones, their heires and successours, other then thoffendours and their heires, and suche persone and persones, as claime to any their vles, all suche rightes, titles, interest, possessions, leases, rentes, reuerfions, offices, and other profites, whiche thei, or any of them shall haue at the date of committynge suche treasons, or at any tyme after, in as large and ample maner, as if this act had neuer been had, nor made.

Provided also, and be it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that the

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wife, or wives, whose husbände, or husbandes, hereafter shalbe attainted of treasons, specified in this acte, or of any other treasons what so ever thei be, shal in no wise be receiued, to aske, chalenge, demaunde, or haue dowrie, of any the landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, of any the persone, or persones to be attainted of treason, as is aforesaid, during the said attaintour in his force, any thyng before mencioned to the contrary in any wise, notwithstanding.

**The. xii. Chapter.**

**An acte, for the declaracion of a statute, made for the mariage of Priestes, and for the legitimacion of their children.**



Albeit, that at the session of this Parliament, holden by prorogacion at Westminster, the. iiii. daie of November, in the second yere of the reigne of the Kinges maiestie that now is, it was ordeined and enacted, by the auctoritie of the same parliament, that all and euery lawe, and lawes positue, Canons, constitucions, & ordinaunces before that made, by the auctoritie of man only, whiche then did prohibite and forbid mariage, to any ecclesiasticall and spirituall person, or persons, of what estate, condition, or degree, thei then wer, or by what name or names so ever, thei then wer called, whiche by gods lawe, might lawfully marie, and all and euery article, braunche, & sentence, concernyng onely the prohibition for the mariage of the persones aforesaid, should be utterly voyde, and of none effect: and that all maner of forfeitures paines, penalties, crimes or actions, whiche wer in the said lawes contained, or of the same did folowe, concernyng the prohibicion, for the mariage of the persones aforesaid, should be clerely and utterly voyde, frustrate, and of none effecte, to all ententes, constructions and purposes, aswell concernyng mariage afore that tyme made, by any of the Ecclesiasticall, or spirituall persones aforesaid, as also suche, whiche thereafter should be duely and lawfully had, celebrated, and made betwixt the persones whiche by the lawes of God might lawfully marie. Yet, sence the makyng of the said Acte, diuerse euill disposed persones, peruersely takyng occasion of certain woordes and sentences in the same acte comprised, haue, and do vntrewly, and very flanderously report of priestes Matrimonie, sayng, that the same statute, is but a permission of priestes Matrimonie, as Fornie, and other vnlawfull thynges, bee now permitted, for the eschuyng of greater inconuenience, and euils, so that theby, the lawfull Matrimonie of priestes, in the opinion of many, and the children procreate, and borne in suche lawfull Matrimonie rather be of a great number, of the kinges subiectes, accompted as bastardes, then lawfully borne, to the greate flander, perill, and disherison of suche children. Whiche vntrew flanderous reproche of holy matrimonie, doeth not onely redounde, to the high dishonour of almighty

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God, but also to the kynges maiesties dishonour, and his high court of Parliament, and the learned clergie of this realme, who haue determined the same, to bee moste lawfull, by the lawe of God, in their conuocation, aswell by their common assent as by the subscription of their handes. And that moste of all is to bee lamented, thzough suche vncomely raiynges of matrimonie, and flaundersous reproches of the clergie, the woꝛde of God is not heard with reuerence, folowed with diligence, the godly procedynges of the kynges maiestie, not receiued with due obedience, and therby the welthie men of this realme discouraged, to nourishe & byrnyng by their chyldzen in learnyng, so as it is to bee feared, lest in place of good learnyng and knowlege, shal crepe in ignoraunce, and for learned men, vnlearned ambitious men, and flatterers, to the greate displeasure of almightie God, & to the perill of the whole state of gods true religion, within this realme, if speddy remedy be not pꝛouided here in. Therefore it is enacted, by the kyng our souereigne loꝛde, with the assent of the loꝛdes, spirituall and tempoꝛall, and the commons in this pꝛesent Parliament assembled, and by thauthozitie of the same Parliament, that the matrimonie, of all, and euery pꝛiest, and other Ecclesiasticall, and spirituall persones, and persone, heretofore had, celebrated and made, and the matrimonie of euery pꝛiest, and other Ecclesiastical and spirituall persone, whiche shal hereafter duely be had, celebrated and made, shalbe adtudged, deined, and taken, for true, iust, and lawfull matrimonie, to all ententes, construccions, and purposes. And that all and euery chyldzen, and childe, bozne in any suche Matrimonie, shalbe demed, iudged, reputed, and taken, to all ententes, construccions and purposes, to be bozne in lawfull matrimonie, and to be legitimate, and enheritable to landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, from, and by any of their fathers, mothers, and other auncestours, in like maner and fourme, to all ententes, construccions, and purposes, as any other chyldzen, bozne in lawfull Matrimonie, betwixt any of the kynges laie subiectes be enheritable, and that by the aucthoꝛitie afozesaied, aswell all and euery pꝛiest, and other Ecclesiasticall, and spirituall person and persones, be and shalbe enabled to bee tenautes, by the courtesie, after the death of their wifes, of suche landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, as their wifes shal happen to be seised of, of estate in fee simple, or estate in fee taile generall, durynge the espousailles, as also euery wife of euery suche pꝛiest, and other Ecclesiastical persone, shalbe enabled to claime, demaunde, haue, and enioye dower, of the landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, whereof her husbände, durynge the espousailles betwene theim, was seised of estate in fee Simple, or fee taile generall, in his awne right, in like maner and fourme, to all ententes, construccions, and purposes, as any other husbände or wife, maie or might, claime, demaunde, haue, or enioye. Any Lawe, statute, or denaunce, Canon, constitucion, pꝛescripcion, or custome, had, made, exercised



sed or bled in this realme to the contrary in any wise, notwithstanding.

Provided alwaie, that this acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, shall extende, to geue libertie to any persone to marie, without askyng in the Church, or without the Ceremonies, accordyng to the Boke of Common praiet, and administracion of the Sacramentes, nor shall make any suche Matrimonie alreedy made, or hereafter to bee made good, whiche are prohibited by the lawe of God for any other cause.

Provided also, that this acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, shall extende to alter, chaunge, reuoke, repeale, or otherwise to disanull any Decree, iudgement, or sentence of diuorice, heretofore had or made, or to chaunge or alter, the possession or enheritaunce, of any landes or tenementes, alreedy descended, but that thei and euery of them, shall remain continue, and be of suche like force, effect, strength and degree, to all ententes, constructions and purposes, as thei were before the makyng of this acte. This acte, or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary in any wise, notwithstanding.

**The. xiii. Chapter.**

**An acte, for the declaracion of a statute, made in the. xxxi. yere of Kyng Henry the eight, touchyng Religious persones.**



Here by an acte of Parliament, made in the. xxxi. yere of the reigne of the moste noble Prince, of famous memoire, kyng Henry the eight, for, and concernyng the enablement of professed, and Religious persones, to purchase to theim, and to their heires, in fee simple, fee taile, for terine of life, for yeres, or at will: manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, annuities, and other hereditamentes, and thynges whatsoever: and that thei and euery of them, should or might, from thencefurthe vse, and exercise, receiue, take, haue, and enioye, all, and euery lawfull thyng, and thynges, to be growen, fallen, or happened, to theim, or any of them, after thesame detraiment, or departyng out of religion. And in whiche said acte of Parliament, there is a Prouiso conteyned: that none of thesame Religious persones should, or might, at any tyme after the makyng of thesame acte, be taken, deined, or iudged, for, or as heire, or heires, or enheritable to any persone, or persones, to any purpose, respect, construction, or entent in the lawe, as by thesame acte, among other thynges therein cōteined, more fully, at large, it make, and doth appere. And forasmuche, as lithe the tyme of the makyng of thesaid acte, there hath been certein ambiguities and doubttes, growen and arisen, and hereafter are like to growe, and arise, upon the exposition of thesaid acte, whether thesaid late Religious, and professed persones should, or might bee adiudged able to enherite, and to be enheritable, as heire or heires, to any of his, or their auncestour, or auncestours, and to haue, and enioye, all, and

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every thyng, and thynges, descended, growen, fallen, or happened, to them, or any of them, after thesaid detaiment, or departyng out of religion, yea, or no. For the full, and plain declaracion wherof: be it enacted, declared, and expounded, by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that all, and every of thesame late religious, and professed persones and persones, shall, and maie, by aucthoritie of this acte, bee enabled, to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, at all tyme, and tymes hereafter, to bee taken, demed, and iudged, as heire, or heires, and enheritable to all, and every their auncestour, or auncestours, & to haue, chalenge, enioye, receiue, and take, all Manours, Landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, and every other thyng, and thynges, to theim, or any of theim, fallen, come, growen, or descended, from any their auncestours, by any maner of waies, sence the tyme of their severall detaimentes, or departyng out of their Religion, in as ample and large maner, fourme, and condicion, as thei had neuer been professed, nor entered into religiō, thesame profession, or religion, or any lawe, custome, or vse, within this realme, to the contrary therof in any wise, notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, and be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that none of thesaid Religious persones, shall, or maie, by vertue of this Acte, at any tyme hereafter, bee taken, demed, or iudged for heire, or heires, or enheritable to any person, or persones, to any construction, or entent in the lawe, by reason of any former right, title, interest, matter, or cause, had, made, doen, descended, or growen, to any respect or purpose, before their said severall detaimentes or departynges out of their religion, any thyng before in this acte, or in thesaid former acte contained to the contrary hereof in any wise, notwithstanding.

**The. xiiij. Chapter.**

**An acte, against Regratours, Foreshallers, and Engrossers.**



Albeit, Diverse good statutes, heretofore haue been made, against foreshallers of Merchandises, and victualles, yet for that good lawes, and statutes against regratours, and engrossers of thesame thynges, haue not been heretofore sufficiently made, and provided: and also for that it hath not been perfectly known, what person should be taken for a foreshaller, regratour, or engrosser, thesaid Statutes haue not taken good effecte, accordyng to the myndes of the makers thereof: THEREFORE, be it enacted and declared, by the King our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes Spirituall, and Temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame: that whatsoever person, or persones, that after the first



first daie of maie next commyng, shall buye, or cause to be bought, any Marchaundise, victuall, or any other thyng whatsoeuer, commyng by land, or by water, toward any Market, or Fair, to be sold in the same, or commyng toward any Citee, Port, Haven, Crieke, or Rode, of this realme, or Wales, from any partes beyond the sea, to be sold, or make any bargain, contracte, or promise, for the haupng, or buyng of the same, or any part thereof, so commyng, as is aforesaid, before the said Marchaundise, victualles, or other thyng, shalbe in the Market, Fair, Citee, Port, Haven, Crieke, or Rode, redy to be sold: or shall make any mocion by worde, letter, message, or otherwise, to any persone, or persones, for the enhauncyng of the price, or detet sellyng of any thyng, or thynges, aboue mencioned, or els diswade, moue, or stirre any persone, or persones, commyng to the Market, or Fair, to abstain, or forbear, to buyng, or conueigh, any of the thynges aboue rehersed, to any Market, Fair, Citee, Port, Haven, Crieke, or Rode, to be sold, as is aforesaid, shalbe demed, taken, and adiudged, for a forestaller.

Further, bee it enacted, and declared, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that whatsoeuer persone, or persones, that after the said firste daie of Maie, shall by any meanes regrate, obtain, or get, into his, or their handes, or possession, in any Fair, or Markette, any Corne, Wine, Fishe, Butter, Chese, Candelles, Callowe, Shepe, Lambes, Calues, Swine, Pigges, Giese, Capons, Hennes, Chekins, Pigeons, Conies, or other dedde victuall whatsoeuer, that shalbe brought to any Fair, or Market, within this realme, or Wales, to be sold, and do sell the same again in any Fair, or Market, holden, or kepte in the same place, or in any other Fair, or Market, within foure miles thereof, shalbe accepted, reputed, and taken, for a Regratour, or Regratours.

And be it also enacted, and declared, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that whatsoeuer persone, or persones, that after the said firste daie of Maie, shall engrosse, or gette, into his, or their handes, by buyng, contractyng, or promise takyng, other then by demise, graunt, or Lease of lande, or tithes: Any corne, growyng in the fieldes, or any other corne, or grain, Butter, Chese, Fishe, or other dedde victualles whatsoeuer, with in the realme of Englande, to the intent to sell the same again, shalbe accepted, reputed, and taken, an vnlawfull engrossour, or engrossours.

And if any persone, or persones, shall at any tyme, after the said firste daie of Maie, offende in any of the thynges before recited, and being thereof duely conuicted, or attainted, by the lawes of this realme, or after the fourme hereafter mencioned: shall for his, or their firste offence, haue, and suffer imprisonment, by the space of twoo Monethes, without baile or mainprise, and shall also lose, and forfeit the value of the goodes, cattell, and victuall, so by hym, or them bought, or had.

And if any persone, lawfully conuicted, or attainted, of, or for any the offences aboue said, be thereof eschones lawfully conuicted, or at-



teinted, that then euery persone, or persones so offendyng, shall haue, and suffer, for his saied seconde offence, imprisonment by the space of one haulte yere, without bail, or mainprise, and shall lose the double value of all the goodes, cattell, and victuall, so by hym bought, or had, as is aforesaid.

And if any persone beyng lawfully twise conuicted, or atteinted, of, or for any of the said offences, shall eftsones offende the third tyme, and be therof lawfully conuicted, or atteinted, that then euery suche persone for the said third offence, shall be set on the pillorie in the citee, toune, or place, where he shall then dwell, and enhabite, and lose, and forfeit all the goodes, and cattell, that he, or they haue to their awne vse, and also be committed to prison, there to remain, durynge the kynges maiesties pleasure.

Provided alwaie, and it is enacted, and declared by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that the buyng of any suche barley, bigge, or otes, as any persone, or persones (not forestallyng) shall buye, to conuert into malt, or otemeale in his, or their awne house, or houses, and so shall be conuerted in deede, or the buyng of any suche thyng, by any suche fishmongre, Boucher, or Butler, as concerne his, or their awne facultie, crafte, or misterie (otherwise then by forestallyng) whiche shall sell the same again vpon reasonable prices by retail, or the takynge of any cattell, cozne, grain, butter, chese, or any other thyng aboue mencioned, reserued without fraude, or couin, vpon any lease for terme of life, or lifes, yere, or yeres, heretofore made, or hereafter to be made: or the buyng of any wine, or other dedde victuall aboue mencioned, beyng apte and mete for mannes sustenaunce, by any Innholder, or other victualler, to sell the same by retail within his house, or to any of his neighbors for their sustenaunce, for reasonable prices: or the buyng of any dried, or salted fishe, herrynge, or spottes (not forestalled) and sold for reasonable prices: or the buyng of any cozne, fishe, butter, or chese, by any suche badger, lader, kiddier, or carier, as shall be assigned, and allowed to that office, or doyng, by thre Justices of Peace, of the countrie, where the said badger, lader, kiddier, or carier shall dwell, whiche shall sell, or deliuer in open Fair, or Market, or to any other victualler, or to any other persone, or persones, for the prouision of his, or their house, or houses, all suche cozne, grain, butter, and chese, as any suche persone shall buye, or cause to be bought (and that within one monethe, next after he shall so buye any suche cozne, grain, Butter, or Chese) so that the same shall be bought without forestallyng: Or els that any comon prouision made or hereafter to be made without fraude, or couin by any persone, or persones, of any of the thynges aboue said for any citee, borough, or toune corporate, or for prouision of victuall of any ship, Castell, or forte, within the kynges dominions, without forestallyng, whiche shall be employed onely to that vse, and purpose: Or the buyng, and prouision of any



any of the victualles aboue mencioned, necessarie, and requisite for the furniture and prouision of the enhabitauntes of Callais, Gullnes, and other the Marches of thesame, or of the toune of Barwicke, Holly Hande, or the Marches of Englande against Scotlande, whiche without fraude or coun, shalbe transported, & conueighed, as sone as wynd and wether maie serue, to suche of the places aforesaid, for the whiche thesame shalbe so prouided, shall not be in any wise demed, adiudged, or taken any offence, contrary to this acte.

And it is also further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any persone, or persones, after thesaid first daie of Maie next commynge, hauyng sufficient corne & grain, for the prouision of his, or their awne house, or houses, and sowynge of their groundes for one yere, doo buye any corne, in any faier or Market, for the chaunge of his, or their sede and do not byynge to thesame faier, or Market, thesame daie, so muche corne, as he shall fortune to buye for his sede, and sell thesame if he can, as the pryce of corne then goeth in thesaid Market, or faier: that then euery suche persone, or persones, so buyynge corne for sede, shall forfeit and lose the double value of the corne so bought. Or if any persone, or persones, after thesaid first daie of Maie, shall buye any maner of Oxen, Koyntes, Stieres, Kine, Heckfers, Calues, Shepe, Lambes, Goates, or Kidders luyng, and sell thesame again althe, onles he, or thei do kepe, and fiede thesame by the space of fye weekes, in his, or their awne houses, grounde, ferme grounde, or els in suche ground, or groundes, where he, or thei haue the herbage, or common of pasture, by graunt, or prescripcio: that then euery persone, or persones, so buyynge and sellynge again, shall lose the double value of the cattell, or thynges so bought, and sold again. The moytie of all whiche forfeitures afoze rehered, shalbe to the kyng, and the other moytie to hym, or theim, that will sue for thesame, in any of the kynges courtres of record, by bill, plaint, accio of debt, or informacion, in the whiche bill, plaint, accion, or informacion no wager of lawe, essoyne, or protection shalbe admitted.

Be it also further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that the Justices of the Peace in euery Countie, within this realme, or Wales, at thei quarter Sessions, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, by vertue of this Acte, to enquire, heare, and determine, all, and euery the defaultes and offences perpetrated, committed, or doen contrary to this Acte, within the Countie, where any suche Sessions shalbe kept, by inquisition, presentment, bill, or informacion befoze them exhibited, and by examination of twoo lawfull witnesses, or by any of thesame wales, or meanes, by the discrecion of thesaid Justices, and to make processe thereupon, as though thei were endicted befoze them by inquisition, or by verdict of twelue men, or moze: and vpon the conuiccion of the offender, by informacion, or suite of any other then the kyng, to make extractes of the one moytie of the forfeitures, to be leuied to the kynges



ges vse, as thei vse to do, of other fines, issues, and amerclametes, grown in the Sessions of peace, and to award, execution of thother mo-  
tie for the complainant, or enformer against the offendour, by Fieri fa-  
cias, or capias, as the kynges Justices at Westminster maie do, and vse  
to do. And if any such conuiction, or attaindout, shall here after hap-  
pen to be at the kynges suite onely, that then the whole forfeitures to  
be extracted, and leuied to the kynges vse onely.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that what-  
soeuer persone shall at any tyme hereafter, bee punished by vertue of  
this Acte, for any thynge mencioned in this acte, that then the same per-  
sone, shall not other wise bee vexed, troubled, sued, or put to any pain,  
or punishment for that thynge, wherefore he, or thei shall haue been so  
punished.

Provided alwaies, and it is enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid,  
that it shall be lawfull to euery person, or persones, whiche shall be assi-  
gned, and allowed by thre Justices of the Peace, of the countie where  
he shall dwell therunto, to buye (otherwise then by forestallyng) corne,  
grain, or cattell, to be transported, or caried by water, from any Porte,  
or place within this realme, or Wales, vnto any other Porte, or place,  
within the said realme, or dominions, if he, or thei shall without fraude,  
or coun, shippe, or embarke within. lx. daies nexte after he or thei shall  
haue bought the same, or taken couenaunt, or promise for the buyng  
thereof, and with such expedicion, and diligence, as winde and wether  
will serue, to carie and transport the same to such Porte, or place, as  
his, or their cockettes shall declare: and there do discharge, unlade, and  
sell the same, and do buyng a true certificat thereof, from one Justice of  
Peace of the Countie, or Mayor, or Bailie of the Towne Corporate,  
where the same shall be unladen, and also of the Customer of the Porte,  
where the buladynge shall be, of the place and date, wher the said corne  
or cattell shall be disbarked, unladen, and sold, to bee directed vnto the  
Customer, and Comptroller of the Porte, where the same were embar-  
ked, any thynge mencioned in this Acte to the contrary, notwithstan-  
dyng. And ouer that, that at all tymes hereafter, when Wheate shall be  
commonly at the price, of. vi. s. viii. d. the quarter, or vnder. Malt, and  
Barley at. iii. s. iii. d. the quarter, or vnder. Otes, or Otes Malted, at  
the price of. ii. s. the quarter, or vnder. Pease, or Beanes, at the price of  
iii. s. the Quarter, or vnder. And Rye, or Millelem, at the price of. v. s.  
the Quarter, or vnder (all whiche Quarters shall be entended to bee of  
London measure) that then it shall be lawfull to euery person, and per-  
sones (not forestallyng) to buye, engrosse, and kepe, in his, or their gra-  
neries, or houses, such corne of the kindes aforesaid, as without fraude  
or couine shall bee boughte, at, or vnder the prices aforesayd expessed, any  
thynge in this acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid,  
that

Malt at. 6 s. 8 d.  
Barley at. 2 s. 3 d.  
Otes at. 2 s. 6 d.  
Malted at. 2 s. 7 d.  
Pease at. 2 s. 7 d.  
Beanes at. 2 s. 7 d.  
Rye at. 2 s. 7 d.  
Millelem at. 2 s. 7 d.



that this acte, or any thyng therein contained, extend not to charge any persone, or persones, for any the offences aboue mencioned, onles he, or thei be sued for thesame, within two yeres next after suche offence doen or committed. This acte to endure vntil theende of the next parliament.

Prrouided alwaies, and be it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull to all, and euery of the kynges maiesties subiectes, now dwelling, and inhabityng, or that hereafter shal dwell, or inhabite within one myle of the maigne Sea, to buye all maner of fishe, freshe, or salted (not forstallyng thesame) and to sell thesame again, at reasonable prices: this acte, or any thyng therein contained, to the contrary in any wise, notwithstanding.

Prrouided also, and be it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull to all, and euery persone and persones, knowen for a common Drouer, or Drouers, beeyng licenced, auctorised, and allowed in writyng, by thre Justices of the Peace (whereof one to be of the Quorum) of the Countie, or Counties, where thesame Drouer, or Drouers shalbe moste abidyng, and dwelling, to buye cattell in suche shires, or Counties, where Drouers haue been wont in tymes past, accustomedly to buye Cattell, at their free libertie and pleasure, and to sell thesame, as is aforesaid, at reasonable prices, in common faires, and Markettes, distant from the place, or places, where he, or thei shal buy thesame, fortie myles at the least, so that thesame cattell be not bought, by waie of forstallyng: this acte, or any thyng therein contained, to the contrary in any wise, notwithstanding.

Prrouided alwaies, that suche licence of Justices of the Peace, shal not endure aboue one yere, onles thesame be yerely renewed by so many Justices, as is aforesaid.

**The .xv. Chapter.**

**An acte, against regratours  
of Tanned Lether.**



Here by the couetousnes of diuerse gredie persones, regratying and engrossyng, all kynd of Tanned Lether, into their handes, and sellyng again thesame at excessiue prices, to Sadlers, Girdlers, Cordewainers, and suche other artificers, and handicraftes men, as make wares of Tanned Lether the kynges louyng subiectes are enforced to buye thesaid wares at vntreasonable prices, for remedy and refozmacion whereof: Bee it enacted, by the kyng our souereigne Lorde, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall, and tempozall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame, that from, and after the firste daie of Maie nexte commyng, no persone, or persones, of what estate, degree, or condicion, soeuer he, or thei be, shall buye, or engrosse, or cause to be bought, or engrossed, any kynd



kynde of Tanned lether, to the entent to sell thesame again, vpon pain to forfeit thesaid Lether so bought, or the iust price thereof. The one moytie of whiche forfeiture, shalbe to the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the other moytie to hym, or them, that shall seale, or sue for thesame in any of the kynges courtes of record, by action of debt, bill, plaint, information, or otherwise, wherein no wager of lawe, essoyne, protection, or Iniunccion shalbe admitted, or allowed for the defendaunt.

Provided alwaie, and be it enacted, by thaurthoritie aforesaid, that all Sadlers, Girdlers, Cordewainers, and al other artificers, suche as make Wales, Bougettes, Lether pottes, Tanckardes, Bare hides, or any other wares of lether, shall, or maie buye, all suche kynd of tanned lether, as is, or shalbe necessary for their occupyng, to be wrought and made by the, or by their seruautes, in, or about their said wares, any thyng before mencioned in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, that every Girdler, and other artificer before mencioned in this acte, maie at his free will and pleasure, sell their neckes, wombes, and Sheddres of Tanned lether (suche as thei, or any of them cannot occupie aboute the wares, thei vse to make) to any persone, or persones, without incurrng any forfeiture, pain, or penaltie, before expressed in this Acte, any thyng therein contened to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, and bee it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull, to, or for, every persone, or persones, whiche now haue, or hereafter shall haue, the kynges maiesties speciall licence or licences, to transporte, cary, or conueigh ouer the seas, any kynde of Tanned Lether, to buy for the furniture of their said licence, or licences, in open faier or Market, suche, and so muche Tanned Lether, as he, or thei be, or shalbe licenced to transport, cary, or conueigh. So that thesame licence, or licences, be presented, and shewed, vnto the chief officer, or officers, that now haue, or hereafter shall haue, the gouernaunce of any Citee, towne, faier, or Market, whereas thesaid Lether, or any part thereof, shalbe bought. And so that thesaid officer, or officers, seying thesame licence to be good, and perfecte, do iustly, and truely, write vpon the backside, of every suche licence, or licences, how muche Tanned lether, he or thei, shall there haue bought, and the certain daie, tyme and place of buyng thesame, that thereby it maie manifestly appere, how, and when, every suche licence, or licences, be, or shalbe satisfied, any thyng in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aboue said, that after thesaid first daie of Maie next commyng, no persone, or persones, shall shippe, or cause to be Shipped (to the entent to cary, transport, or conueigh ouer the seas, as Marchaundise to be sold, or exchaunged there) any Shoes, Bootes, Buskins, Stertuppes, or Slippers, vpon pain to forfeit all, and every suche Shoes, Bootes, Buskins, Stertuppes



oz Slippers, so shipped, contrarie to the true meanyng of this Acte, oz the value of the same. The one moietye of the said forfeiture to be to the Kyng our soueraigne Lord, and the other moietye to him, oz them, that shal lease, oz sewe for the same, in any of the Kynges Maiesties courttes of recorde, by action of debte, bille, plainte, enforzacion, oz other wyse, wherein no wager of lawe, essoine, protection, oz insunction shalbe admitted, oz allowed for the defendauit.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that this Acte, ne any thyng thein contained, shall not in any wyse extend to be prejudicial, oz hurtful, to any person, oz persons, beyng the Kynges subiectes, for transporyng, oz cartieng ouer the seas vnto Caltee, oz the marches of the same, and vnto the Ile of man, so muche, oz as many of the aforesaid made wares (as Bootes, Buskins, Stettuppes and Slippers, heretofore recited) as shalbe necessarie and conuenient for the wearyng, and furnitur of the Kynges subiectes in them, oz any of them. Any thyng in this last Acte contained to the contrary hercof in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that no Sadler, Cordler, Cordwainer, nor other artificer, dwelling within the cite of London, and the suburbs of the same, whiche shal curte the same tanned leather, (as is aforesaid to the intent to make wares thereof) shal curte, oz dresse, any of the foresaid tanned leather, in his, oz their owne house, oz houses, oz by his, oz their seruauit, oz seruauntes, vpon paine of forfeiture, al, and euery the said tanned leather, so to be curried. The one moietye of whiche forfeiture shalbe to our soueraigne Lord the Kyng, & the other moietye to the partie that wil sue for the same, in any of the Kynges courttes of recorde, by bille, plainte, action, oz enforzacion. Wherin no wager of lawe, essoine, protection, oz insunction, shalbe admitted, oz allowed for the defendauit.

### ¶ The xvi. Chapter.

#### ¶ An Acte against buying, and selleng



**H**ence the auoyding of corruption, whiche may hereafter happen to be in the officers, and ministers, in those courttes, places, oz routes, wherein there is requisite to be had the true administration of iustice, oz seruices of trust, and to the intent that persones worthy, & mete to be aduanced to the place where iustice is to be ministred, oz any seruice of trust executed, shoulde hereafter be preferred to the same, and no other:

Be it therfore enacted, by the Kyng our soueraigne Lord, the lordes Spiritual, & Temporal and the commons in this present Parliamt assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same: That if any person, oz per-

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kynde of Tanned lether, to the entent to sell thesame again, vpon pain to forfeit thesaid Lether so bought, or the iust price thereof. The one moitie of whiche forfeiture, shalbe to the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the other moitie to hym, or them, that shall seale, or sue for thesame in any of the kynges courtes of record, by accion of debt, bill, plaint, information, or otherwise, wherein no wager of lawe, essoyne, protection, or Iniuncion shalbe admitted, or allowed for the defendaunt.

Provided alwaie, and be it enacted, by thauthozitie aforesaid, that all Sadlers, Girdlers, Cordewainers, and al other artificers, suche as make Hales, Bougettes, Lether pottes, Tanckardes, Bare hides, or any other wares of lether, shall, or maie buye, all suche kynd of tanned lether, as is, or shalbe necessary for their occupyng, to be wrought and made by the, or by their seruautes, in, or about their said wares, any thyng befoze mencioned in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, that every Girdler, and other artificer befoze mentioned in this acte, maie at his free will and pleasure, sell their neckes, wombes, and shreddes of Tanned lether (suche as thei, or any of them cannot occupie aboute the wares, thei vse to make) to any persone, or persones, without incurring any forfeiture, pain, or penaltie, befoze expressed in this Acte, any thyng therein contened to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, and bee it further enacted, by the authozitie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull, to, or for, every persone, or persones, whiche now haue, or hereafter shall haue, the kynges maiesties speciall licence or licences, to transporte, cary, or conueigh ouer the seas, any kynde of Tanned Lether, to buy for the furniture of their said licence, or licences, in open faier or Market, suche, and so muche Tanned Lether, as he, or thei be, or shalbe licenced to transport, cary, or conueigh. So that thesame licence, or licences, be presented, and shewed, vnto the chief officer, or officers, that now haue, or hereafter shall haue, the gouernaunce of any Citee, towne, faier, or Market, whereas thesaid Lether, or any part thereof, shalbe bought. And so that thesaid officer, or officers, seying thesame licence to be good, and perfecte, do iustly, and truely, write vpon the backside, of every suche licence, or licences, how muche Tanned lether, he or thei, shall there haue bought, and the certain daie, tyme and place of buyng thesame, that thereby it maie manifestly appere, how, and when, every suche licence, or licences, be, or shalbe satisfied, any thyng in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, by the authozitie aboue said, that after thesaid first daie of Maie next commyng, no persone, or persones, shall shippe, or cause to be Shipped (to the entent to cary, transport, or conueigh ouer the seas, as Marchaundise to be sold, or exchaunged there) any Shoes, Bootes, Buskins, Stertuppes, or Slippers, vpon pain to forfeit all, and every suche Shoes, Bootes, Buskins, Stertuppes



or Slippers, so shipped, contrarie to the true meanyng of this Acte, or the value of the same. The one moite of the said forfeiture to be to the King our soueraigne Lord, and the other moite to him, or them, that shal lease, or lewe for the same, in any of the Kinges Maiesties courttes of recorde, by action of debte, bille, plainte, enfor macion, or other wyse, wherein no wager of lawe, esloine, protection, or infuccion shalbe admitted, or allowed for the defendauit.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by thauthortie aforesaid, that this Acte, ne any thyng thein contened, shal not in any wyse extend to be prejudicial, or hurtful, to any person, or persons, beyng the Kinges subiectes, for transporthyng, or carryng ouer the seas vnto Calice, or the marches of the same, and vnto the Ile of man, so muche, or as many of the aforesaid made wares (as Bootes, Buskins, Stettuppes and Slippers, heretofore recited) as shalbe necessarie and conuenient for the wearyng, and furniture of the Kinges subiectes in them, or any of them. Any thyng in this last Acte contened to the contrary hereof in any wise, notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by thauthortie aforesaid, that no Sadler, Cordwainer, or other artificer, dwelling within the cite of London, and the suburbs of the same, which shal cutte the same tanned leather, (as is aforesaid to the intent to make wares thereof) shal coutrie, or dresse, any of the foresaid tanned leather, in his, or their owne house, or houses, or by his, or their seruauit, or seruantes, vpon paine of forfeiture, al, and euery the said tanned leather, so to be coutrie. The one moite of which forfeiture shalbe to our soueraigne Lord the King, & the other moite to the partie that wil sue for the same, in any of the Kinges courttes of recorde, by bille, plainte, action, or enfor macion. Wherin no wager of lawe, esloine, protection, or Infuccion, shalbe admitted, or allowed for the defendauit.

### The xvi. Chapter.

#### An Acte against buying, and sell yng



Of the auoyding of corruption, which may hereafter happen to be in the officers, and ministers, in those courttes, places, or townes, wherein there is requisite to be had the true administration of iustice, or seruices of trust, and to the intent that persones worthy, & mete to be aduanced to the place where iustice is to be ministred, or any seruice of trust executed, shoulde hereafter be preferred to the same, and no other.

Be it therfore enacted, by the King our soueraigne Lord, the lordes Spiritual, & Temporal and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauthortie of the same: That if any person, or per-



sons at any tyme hereafter, bargaine, or selle any office, or offices, or de-  
 putacion of any office, or offices, or any parte, or parcel of any of them,  
 or receiue, haue, or take any money, fee, rewarde, or any other profite  
 directly, or indirectly, or take any promise, agreement couenaunt, bond,  
 or any assuraunce to receiue, or haue any money, fee, rewarde, or other  
 profite directly, or indirectly, for any office, or offices, or for the deputa-  
 cion of any office, or offices, or any parte of any of them, or to the intent  
 that any person shoulde haue exercise, or enioye any office, or offices, or  
 the deputation of any office, or offices, or any parte of any of them,  
 whiche office, or offices, or any parte, or parcel of them, shal in any wise  
 touche, or concerne the administracion, or execution of iustice, or the re-  
 ceipte comptrollement, or paiement of any the kynges hignes treasour,  
 money, rente, reuenue, accompte, alneage, auditourshippe, or surueing  
 of any the kynges Maiesties honours, Castelles, Manours, Landes  
 tenementes, woodes, or hereditamentes, or any the kynges Maiesties  
 customes, or any administracion, or necessarie attendaunce to be had  
 doen, or executed in any the kynges Maiesties custome house, or hou-  
 ses, or the keepng of any the kynges Maiesties Townes, castelles, or  
 fortresses, beyng bled, occupied, or appointed for a place of strengthe,  
 and defence, or whiche shal concerne, or touche any clerkeshippe to be  
 occupied in any maner of Courte of recorde, wherein iustice is to be  
 ministred, that then al, and euery suche person, and persones, that shal  
 so bargaine, or selle any of thesaid office, or offices, deputation, or de-  
 putacions, or that shal take any money, fee, rewarde, or profite for a-  
 ny of thesaid office, or offices, deputation, or deputacions of any of  
 thesaid offices, or any parte of any of them, or that shal take any pro-  
 mise, couenaunte, bonde, or assuraunce for any money, rewarde, or  
 profyte to be geuen for any of thesaid office, or offices, deputation, or  
 deputacions, of any of thesaid office, or offices, or any parte, of any of  
 them, shal not onely lose, and forfeite all his, and their right, interest  
 and estate, whiche suche person, or persones shal then haue, of, in, or  
 to, any of thesaid office, or offices, deputation, or deputacions, or a-  
 ny parte, of any of them, or of, in, or to, the gifte, or nominacion of  
 any of thesaid office, or offices, deputation, or deputacions, for the  
 whiche office, or offices, or for the deputation, or deputacions, of  
 whiche office, or offices, or for any parte of any of them, any suche  
 person, or persones, shal so make any bargaine, or sale, or take, or  
 receyue any somme of money, fee, rewarde, or profite, or any promise,  
 couenaunt, or assuraunce to haue, or receiue any fee, rewarde, money,  
 or profite. But also that all, and euery suche person, and persones that  
 shal geue, or paye any somme of money, rewarde, or fee, or shal make  
 any promise, agreement, bonde, or assuraunce for any of thesaid of-  
 fices, or for the deputation, or deputacions, of any of thesaid office,  
 or offices, or any parte of any of them, shal immediatly by and vpon  
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thesame fee, money, or reward, geuen or paied, or hypon any suche promise, couenaunt, bonde, or agreement, had, or made, for any fee, some of money, or reward to be paied, as is aforesaide, be adiudged a disabled persone in the lawe, to all ententes and purposes, to haue, occupie, or enioye, thesaid office or offices, deputacion, or deputacions, or any part of any of them, for the whiche suche persone, or persones, shall so geue or paie, any some of money, fee, or reward, or make any promise, couenaunt, bonde, or other assuraunce, to geue, or paie, any some of money, fee, or reward.

And be it also enacted, by theauctoritie aforesaid, that all, and euery suche bargaines, sales, promises, bondes, agreements, couenauntes and assuraunces, as be before specified, shalbe voyde, to, and against hym and them, by whom any suche bargain, sale, bonde, promise, couenaunt, or assuraunce, shalbe had or made.

Provided alwaie, that this Acte, or any thyng therein conteined, shall not in any wise extende, to any Office, or Offices, whereof any persone, or persones, is, or shalbe seales, of any estate of inheritaunce, nor to any Office of Parkershippe, or of the keepng of any Parke, house, manour, Garden, Chase, or Forrest, or to any of them, any thyng in this acte heretofore mencioned, to the contrary thereof in any wise, not withstandyng.

Provided also, that if any persone, or persones, doe hereafter offende in any thyng, contrary to the tenour, and effecte of this Acte, yet that not withstandyng, all iudgements geuen, and all other Acte and Actes, executed or done, by any suche persone, or persones, so offendyng, by auctoritie or colour of the Office, or Deputacion, whiche ought to be forfeited, or not occupied, or not enioyed by the persone so offendyng as is aforesaide, after thesayde offence so by suche persone committed or doone, and before suche persone so offendyng, for thesame offence be remoued from the exercise, administration, and occupation of thesaid Office, or Deputacion, shalbe, and remaine good, and sufficient in Lawe; to all ententes, Constructions, and purposes, in suche lyke maner and fourme, as thesame should and ought to haue remained and bene, if this Acte had neuer bene had or made.

Provided also, that this Acte, or any thyng therein conteined shall not in any wyle extende, to any Bargaine, Sale, Gift, Graunt, Nomination, Bonde, Couenaunt, Promise, Agreement, or assuraunce, whatsoeuer it be, of, or for, any the Office, or Offices, Deputacion, or Deputacions, aforesayde, or any parte of any of them, had made, doone, concluded, or agreed, before the firste daye of Marche next commyng, but that thesame bargaine, sale, gifte, graunt, Nomination, Bonde, Couenaunt, Promise, agreement, or assuraunce, had, made, doone, concluded, or agreed, before thesaid firste daye of



Parche, shall alwaies remain, continue, and be in such force, strength and effecte, as if this Acte, had neuer been had or made, any thyng before in this Acte mencioned, to the contrarie therof in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaide, that this Acte, or any thyng therein contained, shall not in any wise extend, or be prejudiciall or hurtfull, to any of the chiefe Justices of the Kynges Courtes, commonly called the Kynges Benche, or Common place, or to any of the Justices of Assise, that now be, or hereafter shall be, but that they, and euery of them, may dooe in euery behaulfe, touching, or concernyng, any office or offices, to be geuen or graunted, by them, or any of them, as they, or any of them myght haue doen, before the makyng of this Acte, any thyng aboue mencioned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

**The. xviij. Chapter.**

**An Acte, for the continuance of certain Statutes.**



**W**HERE, in the Parliament begonne and holden at Londo, the thirde daie of Nouember, in the one and twenty yeare of the reigne, of our late moste dread soueraigne lord, of moste famous memorie, Kyng Henry the eighth, and from thence adiourned to Westminster, and there holden and continued, by diuerse prorogacions, vnto the dissolution thereof, one acte was made and established, for the restrainte of carryng, and conueying of Horses and Mares, out of this Realme. And also, one other Acte was there made in the sayde Parliament, for the true makyng of Cables, Halsers, and Ropes: And also one other Acte was there made, for the true windyng of Wolles: And one other Acte, to restrain kylling of wainlinges, Bullockes, Stieres, and Heickfers, beyng vnder the age of twoo yeates, whiche sayde seuerall actes, were then made, to endure and continue, vnto the next Parliament, as by the same three seuerall Actes, moze plainly appereth. And where also in the same Parliament, one other acte was made and established, for atteintes to be sued, for the punishment of perurie, vpon vntrue verdictes: which acte last before reherced, was then made and ordeined, to continue and endure, to the laste daie of the next Parliament, as by the same acte, moze plainly at large, is shewed and maie appere. And where also in the parliament, begon and holden at Westminster, the. viij. daie of June, in the. xxviij. yeare of the reigne of our laide moste dread soueraigne lord, Kyng Henry the. viij. and there continued & kept, vntill the dissolution thereof, it was ordeined & enacted, that al and singuler the sayde actes aboue remembred, & euery of the, should continue & endure in their force and



and strength, and also be obserued, and kepte, vntill the laste day of the nexte Parlamente, as by the same Acte amonges other thynges therein contained, moze plainly appereth:

And where also in the Parlament begonne, and holden at Westmynster the. xxviii. day of Aprill, in the. xxxi. yere of the reigne of our said most dread souereigne Lorde Kyng Henry theight, and there continued vntill the. xxviii. day of June, then next folowynge: It was ordeined, and enacted by thauthozitie of the same Parlament, that all, and singuler thesaid seuerall actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, and al clauses articles, and prouissions in them, and euery of them contained, shoulde continue, and endure in their force, and strengthe, and also be obserued, and kepte vntill the last day of the nexte Parlament, as by the same Acte amonges other thynges therein contained, moze plainly appereth:

And where also in the last Session of the same Parlament begonne at Westmynster the. xii. day of April in thesaid. xxxi. yere of the reigne, of our saide late souereigne Lorde, and there by diuers prorogacions continued, vntill the. xxiii. daie of July, in the. xxxii. yere of our said late souereigne Lorde, there was one other Acte made, and established, concernynge buyeng of fishe vpon the Sea: And also one other Acte was there made in thesaid Parlament for resonable prices of wynges to be sette, as by the same two Actes last recite, moze plainly doeth appere:

And where in the Parlament holden at Westmynster in the. xxxv. yere of the reigne of our said most dread souereigne Lorde Kyng Henry the eight, one Acte was made for the preservation of wooddes, to endure for. vii. yeres, then next folowynge, and from thence vnto the ende of the nexte Parlament, as by the same Acte moze plainly it doeth and maie appere:

And where also at the Parlament holden at Westmynster in the. xxxvii. yere of the reigne of our said most dread souereigne Lorde Kyng Henry theight, and there continued, and kepte vntill the dissolution therof: It was ordeined, and enacted, that al and singuler the said Actes, aboue mencioned, and euery of them, except thesaid Acte made for the preservation of wooddes as is aforesaid, shoulde continue, and endure in their force, and strengthe, and also be obserued, and kepte vntill the last day of the nexte Parlament, as by the same Acte amonges other thynges therein contained, moze plainly appereth:

And where also in the Session of the Parlamente holden at Westmynster the. iiii. day of Nouember, in the thirde yere of the reigne of our nowe moste dread souereigne Lorde Kyng Edward the sixthe, one other Acte was made in the same Parlament against vnlawfull hunting in any parke, forrest, chase, or other enclosed ground, whiche acte was then made to endure the space of thre full yeres to be complete, and



fully ended from the first day of May then nexte comynge, as by the same Acte moze plainly appereth. And for asmuche, as al and singuler thesaid seuerall Actes, aboue mencioned, be good and beneficial for the common wealth of this Realme:

Be it therfore enacted, ordeined, and established by the kyng our soueraigne Lorde, with thassent of the Lordes Spirituall, and Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all, and singuler thesaid seuerall Actes and Statutes aboue mencioned, or reherled, and euery of them, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions in them, and euery of them contained, and also all, and euery other braunche, article, and sentence contained in thesaide Acte made in thesaide .xxxvii. yere of thesaid late kyng of most famous memorie Henry theight, touchyng, or in any wyse concernyng the setting of pryces of wyne, or the sale of the same, shall be reuiued, continued, stande, and endure, in their force, and strengthe, to all ententes constructions, and purposes, and shabe obserued, and kepte in all thynges vnto the laste day of the nexte Parliament.

**¶ The .xxviii. Chapter.**

**An Acte repealyng a Statute made in the fourth yere of kyng Henry the seuenth, against the byngyng in of wyne, and woade in straunge botomes.**



**W**HERE in the Parliament holden at Westmynster the .xiii. day of January in the fourth yere of the reigne of the famous Prynce, of worthie memorie, kyng Henry the seuenth, aftre the conquest grandfather to our now most gracious, and natural soueraigne liege Lorde, it was amonges other thynges ordeyned, stablished, and enacted, that no maner of person, of what degre, or condition that he ware, shoulde conuey, or bynge into this Realme, Irelande, Wales, Calais, or the marches therof, or Barwicke, from the feast of the Natiuite of saint Ihon Baptist, that after that was in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousand, iiii. hundred, foure score, and ten: any maner wyne growyng of the Duchie of Guyen, or Gascoine, or woade, called Chouluse woade, but suche as shoulde be conueyed, auentured, and brought in shippe, or shippes, whereof the said late kyng, or some of his subiectes of this Realme of Englande, Irelande, Wales, Calais, or Barwicke, ware owners, possessours, and proprietaries, and the maister vnder God, and the mariners of the same



same shippe, or shippes, Englishe, Irishe, or Walshe, or men of Barwicke, or men of Calais, or of the marches of the same for the more partie, vpon paine to forfeite the same wyne, or woade, so brought contrarie to the said Acte, as in the said Acte more at large it doeth and maie appere.

The whiche Acte, was supposed to be made for the maintenaunce of the nauie of this Realme. And also to thentent, and vpon good hope, and trust to haue had the same wyne, and woade, at more easie pryses then before they had bene, the experience whereof hath euer syn then (and now of late most of all) appered to the contrarie, for that the said wyne and woade, be dayly solde at such excessive pryses, as hath not before bene sene within this Realme, and the nauie of the Realme thereby neuer the better maintained.

In consideration whereof be it enacted, ordeined, and establisshed by the kyng our soueraigne Lorde, with thassent of the Lordes, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same: That from the first date of february nexte commynge, after the session of this present Parliament, vnto the first day of October then folowynge, and so perely, and from yeare to yeare, begynnynge at, and betwene the first day of february, and the first day of October, it shall, and may be lawful to all, and euery person, and persones beyng of the partes, or countries in amitie with our soueraigne Lorde the kyng, to conuey, or bynge in to this Realme, Irelande, Wales, Calais, or marches of the same, or Barwicke, any maner of wyne, of the growynge of the duchie of Guyen, or Gascoine, or of any other partie of Fraunce, and Chouluse woade, or any of theim, in whatsoeuer shippe, or shippes, crayer, or crayers, bote, or botes, or by any other meane, whosoever be, or shalbe therof owner, possessour, or proprietaire, beyng of the partes, or countries in amitie of our said soueraigne Lorde, or whosoever be there of Maister, or mariner, or mariners in the same, without any forfeiture, or penaltie there of to be had, the said Statute, or any thyng therein contened to the contrarie in any wyse, notwithstanding.

**The .xix. Capiter.**

**An Acte, touchynge the exchange  
of Golde and  
Siluer.**



Here in the Parliament holden at Westmynstet the .xxv. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the thirde, it was accorded, that it shoulde be lawfull for euery manne to exchange golde for siluer, or siluer for golde, or for golde and siluer, so that no man did holde the same as exchaun-

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ged, nor take no profite for makynge of suche exchaunge, vpon paine of forfeiture of the money so exchaunged, excepte the Kynges exchaungers, whiche take profite of suche exchaunge, accordyng to an ordinance befoze that tyme made. Whiche Statute, notwithstanding, diuers couetous persones of their owne auctorities, haue of late taken vpon them to make exchaunges, aswell of coigned Golde, as of coigned Siluer, receiuyng and payeng therfoze, moze in value then hath bene declared by the Kynges proclamaciō to be currant for, within this his Realme, and other his dominions, to the great hynderaunce of the commune wealth of this realme.

Be it therfoze enacted by the Kyng our soueraigne Lorde by the assent of the Lordes, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any person, or persons, after the firste day of Aprill nexte commynge, exchaunge any coigned Golde, coigned Siluer, or money, geuyng, receiuyng, or payeng any moze in value, benefite, profite, or aduauntage for it, then the same is, or shalbe declared by the Kynges Maiesties Proclamacion to be currant for, within this his highnes Realme, and other his dominions: That then al the said coigned golde, siluer, and money so exchaunged, and euery parte, and parcell therof shalbe forfeited, and the parties so offendynge, shall suffre imprisonment by the space of one whole yere, and make fyne at the Kynges pleasure. The one moietie of the said Golde, Siluer, or coigne so forfeited to be to the Kyng our soueraigne Lorde, and the other moietie to be to the partie that sealeth the same, or will sue for it by Bille, Plainte, Originall, Action of debte, Informacion, or otherwyle in any of the Kynges Courtes of recorde, in whiche suite, no essone, protection, or wager of lawe shall lye, be allowed, or admitted.

### The .xx. Chapter.

### An Acte against Usurie.



HERE in the .xxxvii. yere of the reigne of the late Kyng of famous memorie Kyng Henry the eight, father to our Soueraigne Lorde the Kyng, that now is, amongst other Actes, and Statutes then made, it was enacted by auctoritie of Parliament, that no person, or persones, at any tyme after the last day of January in the said .xxxvii. yere, shoulde haue, receiue, accept, or take in lucre, or gaines, for the lone, forbearynge, or geuyng day of paymēt of any somme of money, for one whole yere, aboue the somme of .x. l. in the C, and so after that rate, and not aboue, of, and for a moze, or lesse



lesse some, or for a longer, or shorter tyme, vpon the paines and forfeitures, in thesaide acte mencioned and contened. The whiche acte was not ment, or entended for the maintenaunce, and allowaunce of vsurie as diuerse persones, blinded with inordinate loue of themselves, haue, and yet do mistake thesame, but rather was made and inteded, against all sortes & kyndes of vsurie, as a thyng vnlawfull, as by the title and preamble of thesaide acte, it doth plainly appere. And yet neuerthelesse, thesame was by thesaide acte permitted, for thauoydying of a more euill and inconuenience, that befoze that tyme was vled & exercised. But for asmuche as vsurie, is by the worde of god, vtterly prohibited, as a vice moste odious and detestable, as in diuerse places of the holy scripture, it is euident to be sene, whiche thyng, by no Godly teachynges and persuasions, can linke into the hartes, of diuerse greedy, vncharitable, and couetous, persones, of this realme, nor yet by any terrible threatenynge, of Goddes wrath and vengeance, that iustly hangeth ouer this realme, for the great and open vsurie, therein daily vled and practised, they will forsake such filthy gain and lucre, onles some tempozall punishment be provided, and ordeined in that behalfe. FOR reformation wherof, be it enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that from the first daie of Maie, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord God M.D.Lij. thesaide acte and statute, concernyng onely vsurie, lucre, or gaines, of, or for the loane, forbearyng, or geuyng daies of any some, or somes of money, be vtterly abrogated, voyde and repealed.

And furthermoze, be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that fro, and after thesaide first daie of Maie next comyng, no person or persons of what estate, degree, qualitie, or condicion soeuer he, or thei be, by any corrupt, colourable, or deceitfull conueighaunce, sleight, or engine, or by any waie or meane, shall lend, geue, set out, deliuer, or forbeare, any some, or somes of money, to any persone or persones, or to any corporacion, or body politique, to, or for any maner of vsurie, encrease, lucre, gain or interest to be had, receiued, or hoped for, ouer and aboue the some, or somes so lent, geuen, set out, deliuered, or forborne, vpon pain of forfeiture the value, aswell of the some, or somes so lent, geuen, set out, deliuered, or forborne, as also, of the vsurie, encrease, lucre, gain, or interest therof. And also vpon pain of imprisonment of the body, or bodies, of euery suche offendour, or offendours, and also to make fine and raund some, at the kynges will & pleasure. The moytie of whiche forfeiture, of thesaide value shalbe to the kyng, and the othet moytie, to the partie that will sue for thesame, in any of the kynges Courtes of record, by action of debt, bill, plaint, or informacion, wherein no wager of lawe, essoyne, or protection, shalbe allowed, or admitted.

**The. xxi. Chapiter.**

**An acte against Tinkers,  
and Pedlers,**

**Forasmuche**





Wherasmuche, as it is guidet, that Tinkers, Pedlers, and suche like bagraunt persones, are moze hurtfull then necessarie, to the common welth of this realme: Be it therefore ordeined, established, & enacted, by auctoritie of this present parliament, that from, & after the feast of the Natiuitie of saint Iohn Baptist next commynge, no persone, or persones, commonly called Pedler, Tinker, or petie chapman, shall wander or go, from one toune to another, or from place to place, out of the toune, parische, or village, where suche persone shall dwell, and selle pinnes, pointes, laces, gloues, kniues, glasses, tapes, or any suche kynde of wares, whatsoeuer, or gather cony skynnes, or suche like thyng, or vse, or exercise the trade, or occupation of a Tinker, but onely suche persone, or persones, as shall be thereunto licenced. And that in suche circuite, or compasse, as shall be to hym or them, assigned by two Justices of Peace, or moe, of the Shiere where he or they, shall dwell, by wytyng, vnder their handes and seales, vpon pain that every persone, whiche shall offend, contrary to the meaning of this Acte, shall by any Justice of the Shiere where the same offence shall be committed, vpon complaint and due proufe had, by witnes or otherwise, be emprisoned by the space of xiiij. daies at the least.

The xxiij. Chapter.

An acte for the puttyng doune of Gigge Milles.



Wherasmuche, as true Draperie of wollen clothes, is to be commended, aswell in forein realmes, as in this realme of Englade, and all waies and meanes, vnto the contrary, are to be eschewed, and taken away: And forasmuche, as in many partes of this realme, is newly, and lately deuised, erected, builded, and vnto, certain Milles, called Gigge milles, for the perryng, and burlpyng of clothe, by reason whereof, the true Draperie of this realme is wonderfully empaired, and the clothe thereof deceptfully made, by reason of the vsyng of thesaide Gigge Milles: For remedy whereof, be it enacted by the kyng our souereigne lord, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauuthoritie of the same, that no maner of persone, or persones, after the last daie of Maie next commynge, shall vse, or occupie, any of thesaide Gigge Milles, for the woorkyng of any wollen clothe, or clothes, made or to be made, within this realme, vpon pain of forfeiture, for every clothe so wrought, in, or by, any of thesaide Milles, called Gigge Milles, fyue poundes. The moytie of all, and every suche forfeiture, and forfeitures, penaltie, and penalties, to be to the vse of our souereigne lord the kyng, and his heires, & the other



other moletie, to the vse of hym that wil sue for the same in any of the Kynges Courtes, be it by writte, bille, plainte, or enformacion, where in the defendaunt shal not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection, essoine, or Intunction, shalbe to hym allowed.

**The. xliij. Chapter.**

**An Acte for the true stuffyng of fetherbeddes, Mattresses, and quilshions**



**L**et the auoidyng of the great deceyte bled, and practised, in stuffyng of fetherbeddes, bolsters, pilloves, mattresses, quilshions, and quiltes, Be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that from, and after the laste day of June next commyng, no person, or persons, whatsoeuer, shal make (to thentent to selle, or offre to be solde) any fetherbedde, bolstre, or pillowe, excepte the same be stuffed with due pulled fethers, or cleane downe onely, without inpynglyng of skalded fethers, fenue downe, thistledowne, sand, lyme, grabell, heare, or any other vnlawfull, or corrupte stuffe vpon paine of forfeiture of al suche fetherbeddes, bolsters, and pillowes, and euery of them so offred to be solde, or the value therof.

And be it further enacted by the same auctoritie, that from, and after the said day, no person, or persons, shal make (to thentent to selle, or offre, or putte to sale) any quilte mattress, or quilshions, whiche shalbe stuffed with any other stuffe, then fethers, wolfe, or flockes alone, vpon paine of forfeiture, of al, and euery suche quiltes, mattresses, or quilshions, so solde, or offred to be solde, or the value therof. The moietie of all whiche forfeitures shalbe to the Kyng, our soueraigne Lorde, his heires, and successours, and the other moietie therof to any suche person, or persons, as wil sue for the same in any of the Kynges Courtes of recorde, or in any other Courte, where in

no wager of lawe, essoine, or protection shal be allowed for the defendaunt, or defendantes,

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The xliij. Chapter.

An Acte for the makynge of hattes, Dozneckes, and couerlettes, at Norwiche, and in the countie of Norff.



Here the makynge of hattes, Dozneckes, and couerlettes haue of late bene begonne to be practised, within the cite of Norwiche, in whiche cite there be good & profitable ordinaunces, and constitutions, prouided, and ordeined for the preseruacion, and continuance of the good makynge of the same hattes, Dozneckes, & couerlettes, by reason wherof, the yong and ydle people of the said cite, to a greete nombere haue bene, and yet be well occupied, maintained, and set on worke: And soasmuche, as diuers euil, & couetous disposed persones, exercising the misteries of makynge of hattes, and weauynge of couerlettes, and Dozneckes, within the said cite and not being brought up, or practised in the said artes, or misteries to the end they might occupie, and exercise the said misteries out of the said cite of Norwiche, where no suche ordinaunces and constitutions be made, or prouided, haue withdrawen them selues from the said cite into other towncs, nigh about the same cite, where they do, and make occupie, and exercise the makynge of hattes, weauynge of couerlettes, & Dozneckes, diuersely, and insufficiently, without controulement to the said decrees, also of the said artes, and misteries, as of the said cite, if remedie be not therein prouided:

It may therefore be enacted by the Kinges Maestie, with the assent of the Lordes Spiritual, and Temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by the authoritie of the same, that no person by him selfe, or by his seruante, or apprentice, shall from and after the feast of S. Michael the Archangel, nexte commyn, make, or worke any feltes, or thymmed hattes, or weaue, or make any couerlettes, or Dozneckes, or occupie, vse, or exercise the misteries, or occupations of makynge of feltes, or thymmed hattes, or weauynge of Dozneckes & couerlettes, or any of them, within the said cite of Norwiche, or within the countie of Norff, onles he, or they, that shal so make, or worke any suche feltes, or hattes, or so occupie the occupation or misterie of makynge of feltes, or hattes as aforesaid, within the said cite, or countie, be licenced, & admitted so to do by the Maior, Recorder, Stewarde, and two iustices of the peace of the said cite, or by foure of them, or that haue bene apprentice to the same occupation, & misterie of feltes, and hattes making by the space of .vii. yeres, & in like case oneles such person, or persons, that shal so make, or weaue Dozneckes, or so occupie the occupation, or misterie of Dozneckes weauynge within the said cite, or countie be licenced, or admitted, so to do by the Maiour, recorder, Stewarde, and two



two iustices of the peace, of thesayde citie, or by foure of them, or that haue bene apprentice to thesayde misterye, & occupacion, of dozneckes weauyng, by the terme of. vii. yeres: And onles he or they that shall so make, or weaue, couerlectes, or so occupie the artes or mistery of couerlectes weauyng or makynge, be licenced and admitted so to doe, by the Maiour, Recorder, Steward, & two iustices of the peace, of thesayd citie, or by foure of the that haue bene apprentice to the occupacion, & misterye of couerlectes weauyng & making, by the space & terme of. vii. yeres.

And be it also enacted by theauctoritie aforesayde, that no persone, or persones, shall fro hencefurth make any feltes, or hattes, or weaue or make, any dozneckes, or couerlectes, as aforesaid, or occupie, exercise, or vse the occupacion, artes, or misteries, of makynge of hattes, or feltes, or weauyng or making of dozneckes, or couerlectes, or any of the, as aforesaid, in any place, out of thesaid citie of Norwiche, within thesaid countie of Norfolke, but only in a corporate, or market towne, vpon pain of forfeityng, aswel of the feltes, hattes, dozneckes, and couerlectes, & euery of them, whiche shall be made, wrought, or wouen, contrary to the fourme effecte, and tenoure of this acte, or of any parte or clause thereof, as al so ten shillinges, for euery haulf douseyne of thesayde feltes or hattes, and of. iii. s. iiii. d. for euery couerlecte, and of. vi. s. viii. d. for euery. vi. pardenes of dozneckes, so as is aforesayd, to be made, wouen or wrought contrary to this acte, the one haulf of whiche forsaictures, to be to the kyng our soueraigne lord, his heires, and successours, and the other haulfe thereof to the persone, or persones, that shall or wil seple thesame or that will or shall sue for thesame, or for any parte thereof, in the kynges courte of the Gylde hal within thesaid citie of Norwiche, or in any other of the kynges courtes of recorde, within this Realme of Englande, by action of detinew, debte, playnt, bill, informacion, or other wise, in whiche sayd action or actions, sute, bill, plaint, or informacion, no esoyne, wager of lawe, protection or forein plea to the iurisdiction of the court, shall be admitted or allowed.

Provided alwaie, that all and euery suche persone and persones, as do now dwell, or hereafter shall dwell, and exercise the mistery of dozneckes, and couerlectes makynge, within the towne or parochie of Pulham, in thesayde countie of Norfolke shall and may occupie, and exercise the makynge of dozneckes, and couerlectes, within thesayde towne of Pulham, as they haue heretofore used to do, any thyng in this acte contened to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if the Maiour, Recorder, Steward, or iustice of peace, of thesayde citie, for the tyme beynge, or any of them, shall take any somme of money or rewarde, for admittynge of any persone to occupie or vse any of the artes or misteries aforesayd, that for euery suche tyme, and euery suche case, the persone so offendynge, shall lose and forfeite. v. l. the one parte of

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whiche forfeiture to be to our soueraigne lord the kynge, and the other halfe to hym, or them that shall sue for the same, as is aforesayde.

**The. xxv. Chapter.**

**An acte for keepers of Alehouses to be bounde by recognisaunce.**



For as muche, as intollerable hurtes and troubles to the comon wealth of this realme, daily do growe and encrease through suche abuses and disorders, as are had and vled in commune Ale houses, and other houses called Tipling houses:

It is therefore enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lord, with thassent of the lordes, and commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauthoritie of the same, that the Justices of peace within euery Shiere, citie, Borough, towne corporate, fraunchesse, or libertie within this realme, or two of them at the least (wherof one of them to be of the *Quorum*) shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of this acte, within euery Shiere, Citie, Borough, towne corporate, fraunchesse, and libertie, where they be Justices of peace, to remoue, discharge, and put away, comone selling of ale and biere, in thesaide commune Alehouses and Tipling houses, in suche towne, or townes, and places, where they shall thinke mete and conuenient. And that none after the first day of May next comyng, shall be admitted, or suffered to kepe any commune Ale house, or tipling house, but suche as shall be therunto admitted, & allowed in the open sessions of the peace, or els by two Justices of the peace, wherof one to be of the *Quorum*. And that thesaide Justices of the peace, or two of them (wherof the one to be of the *Quorum*), shall take bonde, and suretie, from time to time, by recognisaunce, of suche as shall be admitted and allowed hereafter to kepe any commune Alehouse, or Tipling house, as well for, and against the vsyng of vnlaufull games, as also for the vsyng and maintenaunce of good ordre and rule to be had & vled within the same, as by their discretion shall be thought necessary and conuenient: for makyng of euery whiche recognisaunce, the partie or parties that shall be so bounde, shall paie but. xii. d. And thesaide Justices shall certifie thesame recognisaunce at the next quarter sessions of the peace, to be holden within thesame Shiere, Citie, Borough, towne corporate, fraunchesse or libertie, where suche Alehouse, or Tipling house shall be. The same recognisaunce there to remaine of recoorde before the Justices of peace of that Shiere, Citie, Borough, Towne corporate, fraunchesse or libertie, vpon payne of forfeiture to the kynge for euery suche recognisaunce taken and not certified. iij. l. vi. s. viij. d.

And it is further enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that the Justices of peace of euery Shiere, citie, borrough, towne corporate, fraunchesse, & libertie,



libertie, where suche recognisaunce shalbe taken, shal haue power and aucthoritie by this acte, in their quarter Sessions of the peace, by presentment, information, or otherwise by their discretion, to enquire of al suche persones, as shalbe admitted and allowed to kepe any Alehouse, or Tipling house, and that be bounde by recognisaunce as is abovesayd, if they or any of them, haue done any acte, or actes, whereby they, or any of them haue forfeited thesame recognisaunce. And thesaid Justices in euery Shiere, and places where they be Justices, shal vpon euery suche presentment, or information, awarde processe against euery suche persone, so presented, or complained vpon before them, to shewe why he should not forfeite his recognisaunce, and shall haue full power and aucthoritie by this acte, to heare and to determine thesame by all suche wayes & meanes, as by their discrecion shalbe thought good.

And it is further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that if any persone or persones, other then suche as shalbe hereafter admitted and allowed by thesaid Justices, shal after thesaid first day of May, obstinately, and vpon his owne aucthoritie, take vpon him, or them, to kepe a commune Alehouse, or tipling house, or shall contrary to the commandement of thesaid Justices, or two of them, vse commonly selling of Ale, or biere: that the thesaid Justices of peace, or two of them (where of one to be of the *Quorum*) shall for euery suche offence, committe euery suche persone, or persones so offendyng, to the commune Gaole, within thesame Shiere, Citie, Borrough, towne corporate, fraunchesse, or libertie, ther to remaine without baille or mainprise, by the space of. iij. daies And before his, or their deliuerance, thesaid Justices shall take recognisaunce for him, or them so committed, with two sureties that he, or they, shall not kepe any commune Ale house. Tipling house, or vse commonly selling of Ale, or Biere, as by the discrecion of thesaid Justices shalbe sene couenient. And thesaid Justices shal make certificat of euery suche recognisaunce, and offence, at the nexte quarter Sessions that shalbe holden within thesame Shiere, Citie, Boroughe, Towne corporate, fraunchesse, or libertie, where thesame shalbe committed, or done. Whiche certificat shalbe a sufficient conuiction in the law, of the same offence. And thesaid Justices of peace vpon thesaid certificat made, shall in open Sessions aslesse the fine for euery suche offence, at twenty shyllinges.

Provided alwaie, that in suche townes and places, where any faier, or faiers shalbe kepte, that for the time only of thesame faier, or faiers, it shalbe laifull for euery persone, and persones, to vse commune selling of Ale, or Biere, in Bouthes, or other places there, for the relief of the kynges Subiectes, that shall repayre to thesame, in suche lyke manner, and sorte, as hath bene vled, and done, in tymes passed.

This acte, or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary, not withstanding.

J. H.

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The xxvi. Chapter.

An Acte for writtes vpon proclamacions, and exigentes, to be curraunt within the countie Palantine of Lancastre.



Where the Countie of Lancastre is, and of long tyme hath bene, one auncient Countie Palantine of it self, in whiche Countie the kynges writte hath not, nor yet doth not renne, so that the writte of proclamacion awarded vpon any exigend, against any persone or persones, inhabityng within the same countie, in any actio wherin processe of outlawry doth lie, according to the statute made in the sixth yere of the reigne of our late soueraigne lord of famous memorie, kyng Henry the eight, can not be directed to the Shierfe of the sayd countie Palantine, but vnto the Shierfe of the countie nexte adioynynge vnto the sayd Countie Palantine, so that the partie dwelling within the sayd countie Palantine, against whome any suche exigende and proclamacion hath bene, or shalbe awarded, hath not had, nor hereafter can haue, any knowlege of the same sute, or processe, by reason whereof many persones inhabityng within the sayd countie Palantine, without knowlege haue bene outlawed, and hereafter be in like maner like to be outlawed, to their vtter vndoynge, if some speedie remedie be not the soner prouided.

Be it therefore and for diuers other good considerations enacted, or deined, and established, by the kyng our soueraigne lord, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauthozitie of the same, that if, and whē soeuer any writte of exigend, at any time after the firste day of Aprill next cōming, shalbe awarded at the sute of the kyng, his heires, or successours, kinges of this realme, or at y<sup>e</sup> sute or sutes of any other person or persones, plantiffe, or plantiues in any accion or sute, in any of the courtres of our said soueraigne lord the kyng, his heires & successours, kynges of this Realme, commonly called the kynges Benche, and the common place, against any persone, or persones dwelling within the said countie Palantine, that then ymmediatly vpon the awarding of euery suche exigend, the Iustice, or Iustices, befoze whome any suche writte of exigend vpon suche sute or action shalbe sued, shall haue full power & authozitie, by vertue of this acte, to award one writte of proclamacion, accordyng to the tenour and effecte of writtes of proclamacion awarded vpon exigendes, and cōmonly directed out of any of the sayd courtres into London, or into any other Shieres of this Realme, against any persone, or persons, dwelling in other Shiere or Shieres of this realme where the kynges writte doth renne, according to the order and fourme of the sayd statute, made in the sixth yere of the reigne of the sayd



of thesayd late kyng to be directed to the Shierefe of thesayd countie palatine of Lancastre, where it shall happen thesaide defendaunt against whome any suche action shalbe sued as is aforesaide, to be dwelling & not to the Shierefe of any other Shiere next adioynng to thesayde countie palatine, any lawe custome, or vsage heretofore vled to the contrary, not withstanding. And that euery suche writte of proclamation so to be hereafter awarded to the Shierefe of thesaid countie Palatine, shall haue thesame teste and day of retourne, as the exigendes whereupon euery suche writte of proclamation shalbe awarded, shall haue. And that euery suche Shierefe of thesaid countie Palatine of Lancastre, to whom any suche writte, and writtes of proclamation shalbe directed, shall make proclamacions of thesayde writte, and writtes of proclamation, accozdyng to the tenour of thesame, and shal make true returnes of thesame, in suche courte and courtes, and befoze suche Justices, as the tenour of thesame writte, and writtes of proclamacions, shall require, and demaunde. And that all outlawries hereafter to be promulged, or pronounced against any persone or persones, vpon any suche exigend, or exigendes awarded against any persone, or persones, dwelling in thesayde countie Palatine of Lancastre, and no writte of proclamacions awarded in fourme abouesayde, to the Shierefe of thesayde countie Palatine of Lancastre, where the partie defendaunt shalbe as is aforesaide dwelling, or not returned, to be clerely voyde, and of none effect nor force in the lawe.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that euery Shierefe of thesayde countie Palatine for the time beyng, shal haue in euery of thesayd courtes of the kinges beche, & of the comon place, one sufficient deputie at the least, to receiue all suche writtes of proclamacions, whiche shalbe hereafter directed to euery suche Shierefe of thesayde countie Palatine, for whom thesame depute or deputes shalbe appointed, in like maner and fourme, and vpon like paines as by the former statutes and lawes of this realme, other Shiereses of other Shieres or counties within this realme of Englande, be bounden to haue in euery of thesame courtes. And that al suche writtes of proclamacions aforesaid, shalbe deliuered vnto euery suche depute, or deputies, of recozde, in thesame courtes, & either of them, & also like fees shalbe payde for makynge euery suche writtes of proclamacions, and for enrolyng thesame of recozde, as is limited in thesame statute, made in thesaid. vi. yere of our said late souereigne lord kyng Henry the eight.

Be it further enacted, and established by thaucthoritie aforesaide, that if any suche writte or writtes of proclamacions, hereafter to be directed to any Shierefe of thesaid countie Palatine of Lancastre, be deliuered vnto any of the Shiereses of thesaid countie palatine for the time being, or to his or their depute, or deputies, in maner & fourme aforesaide, & thesame Shierefe or Shiereses, do not make true retourne of euery



suche writte and writtes, of proclamacions into suche courte, and courtes, out of which thesaid writte or writtes of proclamacions, shalbe awarded, that for every such default of non retourne, every suche Sherefe for the tyme beyng, shall lose and forfeite, v. l. the one halfe wherof shalbe to our souereigne lord the kyng, his heires and successours, & the other hault thereof, to any suche persone or persones, as will sue for thesame, in one action of debt to be grounded vpon this acte, in any of the kynges courtes of recoorde, wherein none esoyne, protection or wagger of lawe shalbe allowed or admitted.

Provided alwaies, that this acte or any thyng therein contelned, shall not in any wise extende, or be prejudiciall to thesame countie Palantine of Lancastre, for, or concernyng suche liberties, fraunchesses or priuileges, as belonge to thesame, or to any ministers or officers of the same countie Palantine otherwise, or in any other maner then by the true meanyng of this acte is befoze provided and declared, any thyng in this acte mencioned, to the contrary not withstandyng.

Provided also, and be it further enacted and establyshed, by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that if any persone or persones, dwelling within thesayde countie Palantine, after the aforesayd firste day of Aprill, shalbe outlawed in any suche sute or action, as is aforesayd, that then all writtes of speciall *Capias ut legatum*, single *capias ut legatum*, non molestandum, & all other processe, for, or against any persone, or persones, so outlawed, shall and may, from thencefurth be directed, from tyme, to tyme, to the Chauncellour of the Duchie of Lancastre, who shall make like writtes and processe thereupon, and of like effecte, sealed with the seale of thesayd countie Palantine of Lancastre, to be directed to the Shierefe of thesayd countie Palantyne, for the tyme beyng, as heretofore hath bene vsed, and accustomed in suche cases.

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